

Separate quarters were provided for the nurse and Assistant Surgeon. There was also a dispensary building and office.

There were good pattern latrines, hydrants, and bathing platforms, with half section glazed drainage pipes leading from them, lamps and lamp-posts, and separate cook-sheds for Hindus and Musalmans.

The staff was as follows :—

- 1 Hospital Assistant.
- 1 European nurse.
- 2 Brahmin cooks.
- Police and sepoy guards.
- Sweepers and ayahs.

Every person's temperature was taken once daily, and, if necessary, twice.

Free rations and aerated waters were supplied. The adults were provided with cheap playing cards, and the children with marbles. In one of the private segregation camps the inhabitants were supplied by their co-religionists with *pan supari*, sweetmeats, fruit and *cheroots*.

The 8th November 1897.

H. J. DYSON,
Sanitary Commissioner, Bengal.

PURCHASE OF STORES FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

No. 6445A.

Government of Bengal.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

ACCOUNTS.

Dated Calcutta, the 15th November 1897.

RESOLUTION.

READ—

- (1) Letter from the Government of Bengal, Public Works Department, No. 5816A., dated the 12th October 1897, submitting to the Government of India, Public Works Department, the statement of expenditure on stores in the General and Irrigation Branches of the Public Works Department in Bengal for the year 1896-97.
- (2) Letter from the Government of India, Finance and Commerce Department, No. 1426S.R., dated 25th March 1895, pointing out that, as it is understood, several of the principal engineering firms in India now possess the apparatus necessary for the proper testing both of the raw material and of the finished product, the fullest use should be made, subject to the prescribed precautions, of the liberty to procure supplies in India.
- (3) Resolution on the operations of the Public Works Department, Bengal, in 1895-96 in respect of purchases of stores in England and locally.

REMARKS.—The following information is published, showing the operations of the Public Works Department of this Province in 1896-97 in respect of purchases of stores in England and locally.

2. The total cost of stores entirely obtained from England was Rs. 1,44,100, as against Rs. 1,53,046 in 1895-96. The following is a list of the principal items:—

	Rs.	
Surface condenser ...	7,139	This was required by the Brahmini-Byturni Division for the stationary engine in the Jobra Workshops. It was sent out in parts which were fitted up here by those Workshops.
Rolled-iron joists ...	14,164	These were required for use in the 3rd barrack, Bhagalpur Central Jail; Wards in Buxar Central Jail; Leaf Godown at Goolzarbagh; and for quadrennial repairs to buildings in the Eastern Sone Division.
Steel joists ...	16,892	These were required for the extension of the verandah floor of the European male ward of the Medical College Hospital, Calcutta; the Office of the Comptroller of Post Offices, Calcutta; the Record-room for Muzaffarpur Collectorate; and the Tauzi building, Rangpur, also for repairs of various buildings in Nadia Rivers Division, and works manufactured in Dehri Workshops.
T-iron ...	11,665	These were obtained for the extension of the verandah floor of the European male ward of the Medical College Hospital, Calcutta; the Office of the Comptroller of Post Offices, Calcutta; and for use in the works manufactured in the Calcutta and Dehri Workshops.
Galvanized Corrugated iron sheets and ridging.	6,388	These were required for the Chest Shed and Abkari Shed at the Goolzarbagh Opium Factory.
Wrought-iron bed-plates	1,826	These were required for the extension of the verandah floors of the European male wards of the Medical College Hospital, and the Office of the Comptroller of Post Offices, Calcutta; also to comply with the orders received in the Calcutta Workshops Division.
Smithy coal ...	1,167	This was required for use in the Calcutta Workshops.
Candles ...	1,923	These were obtained for use in the Jabloo khoff system of lighting in the Eden Gardens, Calcutta.

	Rs.	
Baths, taper side ...	1,555	These were required for wooden racks, Medical College, Calcutta.
Hand Grenades ...	3,972	These were required for supplying grenades and extinguishers in Government House, Calcutta.
Iron plates ...	4,883	These were required for renewing the hulls of flat, mud boats, and excavators in the Cossye Division.
Steel plates ...	3,123	These were required for repairs to boats and steamers in the Brahmini-Byturni Division, and to comply with the orders received in the Calcutta Workshops Division.
Angle-iron ...	11,391	These materials were brought on to stock when sent out, and were used as required on various works executed at the Government Workshops at Sibpur and Dehri.
Round „ ...	1,548	
Flat „ ...	5,711	
Pig iron ...	2,922	This was obtained for cast-iron works made up in the Calcutta Workshops.
Materials for Lightning-conductors ...	2,613	These materials were obtained for use in the various new works and repairs executed to Government buildings.
Copper tape ...	2,465	
Cement ...	20,992	
Paints ...	21,761	

None of the articles detailed above could have been entirely manufactured in India, nor are they, as far as Government knows, even sent out in a rough state to be finished at workshops in this country.

3. The total cost of stores of European manufacture purchased in India, on the score of urgency was Rs. 1,02,264, as against Rs. 79,089 in 1895-96. The principal items which make up this total are the following:—

	Rs.	
Rolled steel joists ...	12,466	There were urgently required for the new Office for the Comptroller of Post Offices, Calcutta; the Out-patient Department and the Mortuary and <i>post-mortem</i> room, Medical College Hospital; the new Chemical Laboratory, Medical College, Calcutta; the Hostel for Veterinary Institution, Belgatchia; and the new Outcherry and the new Public Offices at Darjeeling.
Rolled-iron joists ...	27,776	These were urgently required for the new Registration Office, Calcutta; the Hostel for Veterinary Institution, Belgatchia; the godown for furniture in Government House, Calcutta; the second story on the south Workshops, Reformatory School, Alipore; the new Office of the Comptroller of Post Offices, Calcutta; the Asoka Gallery, Indian Museum; the staircase in new Servants' Quarters, Government House, Calcutta; the Jetty Appraisers' quarters at No. 4 Jetty, Calcutta; the South Suburban Hospital, Bhowanipur; the south verandah of the Paper Currency Office, Calcutta; the upper story over Treble Munsifi, Howrah; and the additions and alterations to Students' Quarters, Bethune College and Presidency Jail, Calcutta; the new Post Office, Balasore, the new Police buildings at Khaja Kallan; the additions and alterations to the Malkhana, Opium Factory, Goolzarbagh; and for the substitution of the planked floors of certain rooms of the Foreign Office, Calcutta; and the execution of urgent orders received in the Calcutta Workshops, also for special repairs to Jellasore Post Office; and annual and quadrennial repairs to Imperial and Provincial Buildings in the 1st and 2nd Calcutta and Eastern Sone Divisions.
Wrought-iron bed-plates ...	1,139	These were urgently required for constructing the new office for the Comptroller of Post Offices, Calcutta, and the Out-patient Department, Medical College, Calcutta; for quadrennial repairs to the Central Jail at Alipore, and annual repairs to Government House, Calcutta.
Bain's patent Railway fencing.	1,808	These were urgently required for fencing round the two tanks in the Subdivisional Outcherry at Nator and round the compound of the Rajshahi College.

T-iron	Rs. ... 24,148	These were urgently required for the new Registration Office; the new office for the Comptroller of Post Offices, Calcutta; the godown for furniture in Government House, Calcutta; the new Asoka Gallery in the Indian Museum; the Out-patient Department, Medical College Hospital, Calcutta; the second story on the south Workshops, the Reformatory School, Alipore; the upper story over the Treble Munsiff, Howrah; the additions and alterations to Students' Quarters, Bethune College, Calcutta; the new Post Office at Balasore; the special repairs to the Post Office at Jellasore, and the execution of the orders received in the Calcutta Workshops Division from several other Executive Divisions and from District Engineers.
Kodalies	... 4,745	These were urgently required for Famine Relief Works.
Galvanized iron pipes	... 6,143	These were urgently required for the additions and alterations to Police Lock-up, Calcutta University Institute the Presidency College, Calcutta; the Students' Quarters, Bethune College, Calcutta; the Record-racks in the Foreign Office, Calcutta; the Police Court latrine; the Cookshed in the Presidency Jail; the Jetty Appraisers' Quarters, Calcutta; the Still and Vat shed in Russa Distillery; the Cowshed, Campbell Hospital, Sealdah; the Presidency General Hospital, Dhullunda; and the South Suburban Hospital, Bhawanipur; for water-supply to the Dhurumtolla Street Press buildings; Calcutta Telegraph Office, Latrine; Howrah Parsonage and Magistrate's residence, and Hazaribagh Jail; and for quadrennial repairs to Entally thana.
Flat-iron	... 1,085	This was urgently required for the new office for the Comptroller of Post Offices, Calcutta, and for railings in front of the Indian Museum, Calcutta.
Flat-iron	... 4,694	These materials had to be purchased locally for the Sibpur and Dehri Workshops in connection with urgent orders, which could not have been foreseen and which could not, without causing delay and inconvenience, have been kept in abeyance to allow of the articles being indented for from England.
Angle-iron	... 12,068	
Hoop „	... 1,045	
Round „	... 1,718	
Square „	... 1,089	
Yellow sheeting	... 1,045	
Iron screws	... 1,295	

Taking the India Office prices and adding freight and other incidental charges, the cost of these articles, if purchased in England, would have been only Rs. 98,748, so that Government paid 3.55 per cent. more through buying them in India than it would have paid in England. The corresponding loss in 1895-96 was 5.1 per cent.

4. The total cost of stores manufactured in India, partly from imported material and partly from indigenous material, and substituted for stores formerly imported, was Rs. 1,07,537, as against Rs. 50,658 in 1895-96. The principal items were as follows:—

Iron girders	Rs. ... 1,486	These were required for additions and alterations to the Presidency College, Calcutta.
Iron work for Leaf Godown at Goolzarbagh.	1,843	These were made at the Dehri Workshops for the shelter for stowing Leaf in the Leaf Godown at the Goolzarbagh Opium Factory.
Iron work for Chest Shed at Goolzarbagh.	7,359	These were made at the Dehri Workshops for the roof of the Chest Shed at Goolzarbagh.
Wrought-iron work for Bettiah Opium Godown.	4,796	These were prepared at the Dehri Workshops for the roof of the Opium Godown at Bettiah.
Iron rivets	... 1,003	These were needed for works made up at the Government Workshops at Sibpur from imported material worked into its finished shape in this country.
Bolts and nuts	... 2,239	
Cast-iron columns	... 9,229	These were required for the new Office for the Comptroller of Post Offices, Calcutta; the additions to the South Suburban Hospital, Bhawanipur; the Cook-shed, Presidency Jail, Calcutta, and the extension of the Out-patient Department, Campbell Hospital, Sealdah.

		Rs.	
Cast-iron columns	...	11,366	These were made at the Dehri and Calcutta Workshops for the record-rooms of the Muzaffarpur Collectorate and Sitamarhi Court buildings; the Superintendent's Residence at Sulkea Salt Golahs; the additional rooms in Barasat Munsifi; the General Post Office, Calcutta; the Boarders' quarters, Bethune College, Calcutta; the quarters for the Superintendent, Preventive Service, Calcutta; the Treble Munsifi, Howrah; the Hostel attached to the Veterinary Institution, Belgatchia; the new East Block, Indian Museum, Calcutta, and the Office of the Registrar of Assurances, Calcutta.
Wrought-iron gratings...		1,565	These are made at the Calcutta Workshops for the Office of the Registrar of Assurances, Calcutta; the Office of the Comptroller of Post Offices, Calcutta; the Post and Telegraph Office, Kushtia; the Treble Munsifi, Howrah; the Presidency Jail Hospital, main ward, and the Ganja Gola, Nowgong.
Cast-iron sockets	...	1,118	These were made at the Calcutta Workshops for the record-racks in the Offices for the Registrar of Assurances and the Comptroller of Post Offices, Calcutta.
Iron grated windows	...	3,162	These were made at the Dehri Workshops for the new double-storied barracks, Buxar Central Jail.
Brass butt hinges	...	1,304	These were required for doors and windows made at the Sibpur Workshops for various buildings in the Province.
Wire-netting	...	1,616	This was required for the Salt Golahs at Sulkea; the cubicles at Bhagalpur Central Jail and Jessore Jail; the Hostel attached to the Veterinary Institution at Belgatchia; the Physical Laboratory, Presidency College, Calcutta; and the Office of the Comptroller of Post Offices, Calcutta.
Wrought-iron works of sorts.		16,835	These were made at the Calcutta Workshops for various buildings in the Province.
Pig-iron	...	5,113	Used for cast-iron work done in the Sibpur Government Workshops.
Cast-iron pipes	...	2,485	These were required for the water-supply scheme for the Buxar Central Jail.
Steel tanks	...	1,300	These were made at the Calcutta Workshops for water-supply at Belvedere; the Latrine, Madrassa Hostel, Calcutta; the Servants' Quarters attached to Government House, Calcutta; the new office for the Comptroller of Post Offices, Calcutta; the East Block, Indian Museum, Calcutta; the Lady Elliott's Hostel attached to Campbell Medical School, Sealdah, and the Begusarai Sub-Jail.
Wrought-iron racks.	record-	3,595	These were made at the Calcutta Workshops for the Office of the Registrar of Assurances, Calcutta; the Collector's English Office, Monghyr; and the Ganja Golah at Nowgong.
Ditto doors.	grated	2,685	These were made at the Calcutta Workshops for the Office of the Comptroller of Post Offices, Calcutta; the Office of the Registrar of Assurances, Calcutta; the Post and Telegraph Office at Kushtia; the Subdivisional Court at Nowgong; and the double-storied Barracks, Bhagalpur Central Jail.
Ditto	tie-rods ...	4,094	These were made at the Calcutta Workshops for the combined Post and Telegraph Office at Kushtia; the Ganja Godown at Nowgong; and the Lady Elliott's Hostel, Campbell Medical School, Sealdah; and for certain repair works in the 2nd Calcutta and Nadia Rivers Divisions.
Ditto	ladders ...	1,185	These were made at the Calcutta Workshops for the roof of the Mansards, Writers' Buildings, Calcutta; the additional record-racks for the Magistrate's Court, Howrah; and for Government buildings in the Rajshahi, Pabna, Jalpaiguri and Purnea districts.
Ditto with struts.	railings	2,842	These were made at the Calcutta Workshops for the Indian Museum, Calcutta.
Ditto	gates ...	1,576	These were made at the Calcutta Workshops for the Bhagalpur Zillah School and the Indian Museum, Calcutta.

Corrugated-iron roofs, curved.	Rs. 3,845	These are made at the Calcutta Workshops for the Office of the Registrar of Assurances, Calcutta; the covered passages, Barasat Zilla School and new public offices Latrine and ablution platform, Bhagalpur Central Jail; the Ganja Godown, Nowgong; the Latrine for Officers' Barrack, Chinsura, and Magistrate's Court, Alipore; the Kitchen at the Stamp and Stationery Office, Calcutta; the new Public Offices, Calcutta; and the Treble Munsifi, Howrah.
Cast-iron spiral staircase	1,337	These were made at the Calcutta Workshops for the new Registration Offices at Calcutta; for the Government House, Calcutta; and the Boarders' Quarters, Bethune College, Calcutta.
Ditto railings	... 2,021	These were made at the Calcutta Workshops for the new Registration Office at Calcutta; the Hostel for Calcutta Madrasa; the Treble Munsifi, Howrah; the Boarders' quarters, Bethune College, Calcutta; and the staircase for the office of the Registrar of Assurances, Calcutta.
Cast-iron shoes	... 2,865	These were made at the Calcutta Workshops for the Stable and Cook-house, Superintendent's Residence, Salt Golahs, Sulkea; the quarters for the Inspector of Police, Howrah; the Latrine for Calcutta Madrasa Hostel; the Babu's quarters, Belvedere; the Herbarium, Royal Botanical Gardens, Sibpur; the iron record-racks, Ganja Golah, Nowgong; the Latrines, Cutcherry compound, Jamui and Begusarai; the additional record-racks for Magistrate's Court, Howrah; the Treble Munsifi, Howrah; the Lady Elliott's Hostel, Campbell Medical School, Sealdah; the Russa Distillery; the Latrines for Magistrate's and Judge's Courts, Alipore.
Wrought-iron work for dredger punts.	2,760	These were made at the Dehri Workshops for repairs to the dredgers attached to the Dehri Workshops Division.
Rail staging for dredger with lifting jacks, &c.	1,020	{ These were prepared at the Jobra Workshops for the staging of well tops for the Bengal-Nagpur Railway for the Brahmini Bridge. The rails were supplied by the Bengal-Nagpur Railway.
Iron castings	... 2,245	{ These were made at the Jobra Workshops for miscellaneous works chiefly repairs to steamers and lock-gates.
Brass castings (gun-metal)	1,648	

5. The policy prescribed by the Government of India in their Resolution No. 1426S.R. of 25th March 1895, quoted above, continues to receive the attention of the Local Government.

ORDER.—Ordered, that a copy of this Resolution be published in the Supplement to the next issue of the *Calcutta Gazette*.

Ordered also that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Bengal Chamber of Commerce, the Calcutta Trades' Association, and the Bengal National Chamber of Commerce.

By order of the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal,

J. G. H. GLASS,

Secretary to the Government of Bengal.

DISTRICT ROAD FUND ACCOUNTS OF RECEIPTS AND
EXPENDITURE FOR THE QUARTER ENDING
30TH JUNE 1897.

No. 6448R.C.

Government of Bengal.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

ROAD CESS.

Dated Calcutta, the 15th November 1897.

RESOLUTION.

READ—

Letter from the Accountant-General, Bengal, No. 774L.F., dated 28th October 1897, submitting an abstract of receipts and expenditure of the several District Road Committees in Bengal for the quarter ending 30th June 1897.

RESOLUTION.—The Lieutenant-Governor directs that the accounts of the receipts and expenditure of the several District Road Committees in Bengal, for the 1st quarter of the year 1897-98, be published in the *Calcutta Gazette* and circulated to the officers concerned.

ORDER.—Ordered that a copy of this Resolution, together with a copy of the abstract of receipts and expenditure, be published in the Supplement to the *Calcutta Gazette*.

Ordered also that a copy of this Resolution, and of the abstract referred to, be forwarded for information to the—

Commissioners of the Rajshahi, Chittagong, Bhagalpur, and Chota Nagpur Divisions;
Superintending Engineer of the Northern Circle;
Inspector of Works, Eastern and Western Circles;
Financial Department of this Government.

By order of the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal,

J. G. H. GLSS,

Secretary to the Govt. of Bengal.

DISTRICT

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure of the several District Road

RECE

DISTRICTS.	Balance in Treasury on 1st April 1897.	PROVINCIAL RATES.				Interest on arrears of road cess.	PUBLIC WORKS.			IRRI- GATION.	MISCELLANEOUS.		
		Cess on lands.	Cess on mines and railways.	One per cent. road cess.	Total.		Road tolls.	Ferry tolls.	Total.		Canal tolls.	Rent of serais and staging bungalows.	Fees, fines and for- feitures.	Miscellane- ous.
	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
CES DISTRICTS.	Darjeeling ...	25,119 9 0	1,886 14 6	35 10 6	.....	1,933 9 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	0 4 0
	Hazariabagh ...	21,6 6 12 9	4,263 0 7	270 15 11	.....	4,534 0 6	6 13 6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	82 15 11
	Lohardaga ...	2,460 12 1	1,350 13 10	.....	.....	10,350 13 10	67 14 7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 0 0
	Manbhum ...	1,100 13 0	11,753 8 0	487 3 0	.....	12,240 11 0	30 5 6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Palamau ...	27,577 7 9	5,845 3 8	8 12 3	.....	5,855 15 11	40 4 11	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 0 0
Singbhum ...	3,435 2 8	.....	11 3 4	.....	11 3 4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	19 4 0
Total ...	81,419 9 3	34,109 8 7	814 13 0	.....	34,924 5 7	135 6 6	.....	.....	.....	.....	331 9 7	140 0 6	108 4 0
NON-CES DISTRICTS.	Chittagong Hill Tracts	15,999 11 9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	102 0 0
	Sonthal Parganas ...	28,004 11 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	105 8 0	5 0 0	6,902 4 0
	Total ...	44,004 6 9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	105 8 0	5 0 0	6,924 5 0
GRAND TOTAL ...	1,25,424 0 0	34,109 8 7	814 13 0	.....	34,924 5 7	135 6 6	.....	.....	.....	.....	437 1 7	145 0 6	8,332 11 11

EXPEN

DISTRICTS.	REFUNDS.		LAND RE- VENUE.	PROVIN- CIAL RATES.	INTEREST.	ADMINISTRATION.			STATION- ERY AND PRINT- ING.	PUBLIC WORKS.				
	Cess.	Other receipts.				Establishment and contin- gencies of Office.	Percentage cost of es- tablishment for Office of Account and Control.	Total.		Original works.	Repairs.	Establich- ment.	Tools and plant.	Total.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
CES DISTRICTS.														
Darjeeling ..	.....	.....	.....	267 6 4	.....	176 8 8	.....	176 8 8	35 4 3	711 6 0	648 13 11	246 8 9	.....	1,090 6 4
Hazariabagh ..	.....	.....	.....	524 10 0	.....	332 14 9	.....	332 14 9	0 4 0	.....	1,112 1 4	2,073 4 0	.....	3,185 5 4
Lohardaga ..	.....	.....	.....	351 8 9	.....	110 9 0	.....	110 9 0	15 0 0	.....	5,424 4 0	1,885 0 3	1,092 10 0	8,401 14 3
Manbhum ..	.....	.....	.....	271 12 4	.....	199 5 0	.....	199 5 0	107 8 0	429 9 7	473 2 7	2,269 10 11	38 0 0	3,210 7 1
Palamau ..	.....	.....	.....	216 4 4	.....	52 0 0	.....	52 0 0	13 5 9	2,257 3 0	378 3 6	1,624 6 7	8 8 0	4,268 5 10
Singbhum ..	.....	.....	.....	48 10 0	.....	144 4 10	.....	144 4 10	2 12 0	809 5 1	115 7 10	1,073 4 0	.....	2,028 0 10
Total ..	.....	.....	.....	1,030 3 9	.....	1,018 10 3	.....	1,015 10 3	174 2 0	4,267 8 5	8,152 0 2	9,171 13 6	1,130 2 0	22,730 5 1
NON-CES DISTRICTS.														
Chittagong Hill Tracts	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,110 6 11	1,510 11 5	.....	3,621 2 3
Sonthal Parganas ..	.....	.....	438 2 9	.....	.....	608 9 9	.....	608 9 9	0 9 6	.....	118 14 5	3,322 15 11	895 11 0	4,337 9 4
Total ..	.....	.....	438 2 9	.....	.....	608 9 9	.....	608 9 9	0 9 6	.....	2,229 5 4	4,583 11 7	895 11 0	7,958 11 9
GRAND TOTAL ..	.....	.....	438 2 9	1,030 3 9	.....	1,024 4 0	.....	1,024 4 0	174 11 6	4,267 8 5	10,281 5 6	14,005 8 11	2,024 11 0	30,689 3 10

CALCUTTA,
The 13th October 1897.

ROAD FUND.

Committees for the quarter ended 30th June 1897.

IPTS.

LANEBOUR.	Grants from Government.	Advance.	Deposit.	Loan from Government.	Provident Fund receipts.	Savings Bank investment withdrawal.	Total receipts.	Balance of imprest in hands of Engineers and others—decreased.	Balance of uncashed cheques—increased.	Total receipts, including balance.	Outlay.	Balance in Treasury on 30th June 1897.
Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
0 4 0	1,180 1 9	200 0 0	250 0 0	250 0 0	9 14 0	10,461 9 7	3,322 14 9	24 2 3	117 15 1	23,442 7 9	3,227 4 3	25,555 3 6
123 1 11	470 10 0	322 5 6	250 0 0	250 0 0	9 14 0	11,304 3 5	8,406 15 5			27,123 12 2	22,534 0 2	4,889 12 0
116 8 0	483 8 0	25 12 0	250 0 0	250 0 0	9 14 0	23,507 4 0	24 2 3			13,773 15 6	14,525 10 8	—751 10 9
170 2 7	12,900 0 0	175 9 11	145 0 0	21 1 6	10,461 9 7	9,808 10 6			199 15 5	20,750 2 4	4,268 12 5	22,481 5 11
43 7 6	3,678 10 2	134 4 0	313 0 0							37,673 1 8	4,883 5 11	32,789 11 9
116 4 9	10,000 0 0									13,936 12 8	3,179 1 10	10,777 10 5
580 0 9	29,721 13 11	857 15 5	708 0 0	30 15 6		65,068 9 8	24 2 3	317 14 6		1,47,720 3 8	62,278 2 10	85,442 0 10
163 0 6	17,000 0 0					17,162 0 6				33,161 12 3	11,611 12 8	21,549 15 7
6,172 12 9	59,731 10 7	388 2 9				66,292 10 1	200 0 0			94,497 5 1	17,000 5 2	77,496 15 11
6,304 13 3	76,731 10 7	388 2 9				53,434 10 7	200 0 0			1,27,659 1 4	28,672 1 10	98,986 15 8
6,914 14 0	1,05,453 8 6	1,246 2 2	708 0 0	30 15 6		1,49,413 4 3	224 2 3	317 14 6		2,75,979 5 0	80,960 4 8	1,94,499 0 4

EXPENDITURE.

GAMINE RELIEF.	CONTRIBUTION FROM	MISCELLANEOUS.					Total.	Advance.	Deposit.	Temporary loans.	Savings Bank investment deposit.	Total expenditure.	Balance of imprest in hands of Engineers and others—increased.	Balance of uncashed cheques—decreased.	Total outlay.
		Local to Provincial.	Serai and Staging Bungalow establishment and contingencies.	Staging Bungalow petty construction and repairs.	Miscellaneous.	Provident Fund contribution.									
Rs. A. P.	Rs.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
461 3 9	6,053	40 8 0	237 12 0	155 13 9	204 0 0	10 8 0	375 0 0	7,123 0 0	1,090 0 0			2,460 9 11		426 10 4	3,887 4 3
						3 5 0	7,123 0 0	3,450 0 0	821 0 0			18,719 13 10		3,514 3 4	22,534 0 2
						239 12 0	240 0 0	240 0 0				14,218 5 0	200	107 3 3	14,525 10 8
						168 14 9	114 7 3	80 0 0				4,268 12 5			4,268 12 5
						223 0 9	320 0 0					4,883 5 11			4,883 5 11
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461 3 9	6,052	638 3 9				30 0 6	12,822 7 3	1,961 0 0			30 15 6	47,568 13 1	200	4,509 5 9	52,278 2 10
						41 15 0	41 15 0					3,003 1 8		7,046 11 3	11,611 12 8
		90 0 0				23 4 6	5,886 5 6	1,604 3 0				13,076 11 4		3,261 9 10	17,000 5 2
		90 0 0				65 3 6	5,986 5 6	1,604 3 0				16,741 12 9		11,030 5 1	28,672 1 10
461 3 9	6,052	728 3 0				93 4 0	18,706 12 9	3,655 2 0			30 15 6	64,819 9 10	200	16,439 10 10	80,960 4 8

T. HESKETH BIGGS,
Accountant-General, Bengal.

CLOSING OF FAMINE RELIEF OPERATIONS IN BENGAL.

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M. FINUCANE,
Secretary to the Govt. of Bengal.

No. ³³⁵⁴₇₋₄₀ F., dated Simla, the 9th November 1897.

From—DENZIL IBBETSON, Esq., C.S.I., Secretary to the Government of India,
Department of Revenue and Agriculture,

To—The Secretary to the Government of Bengal, Revenue Department.

I AM directed to acknowledge the receipt of the monthly famine report of Bengal for the month of September 1897, forwarded with your letter No. 876T.R. (Famine), dated the 26th October 1897.

2. The Government of India are very glad to learn that favourable rains and excellent agricultural prospects have permitted famine relief operations to be satisfactorily closed in Bihar and other parts of the Province, and that the people have returned to their ordinary occupations in good condition and without having sustained great privation or exceptional sickness or mortality.

3. The Supreme Government propose to postpone the review of the famine administration of the several Local Governments until such time as the provincial reports are received, and to acknowledge elsewhere the services of officers engaged in the work of famine relief. They will, therefore, confine their remarks on the present occasion to expressing their most hearty concurrence with His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor in his high appreciation of the services of the Commissioner of the Patna Division and of the officers who served under him, and of the Commissioners and Collectors of districts elsewhere in Bengal, which were also affected by the recent scarcity, and their subordinate officers.

4. The Government of India also notice with pleasure the tribute paid by His Honour to the many land-owners, planters and persons of wealth and influence who have been conspicuous for their liberality and willing co-operation with the officers of Government in meeting distress. The munificence of the Maharaja of Darbhanga is especially commendable, and the example set by him cannot but have had very great effect.

5. As famine relief operations were virtually closed in all districts of the Province at the end of the month under report, the Government of India agree with the proposal made in paragraph 21 of your letter that no further monthly famine reports should be forwarded.

STOCKS OF RICE IN AND AROUND CALCUTTA.

No. 3,018 *Stats.*—The following is published for general information.M. FINUCANE,
Secy. to the Govt. of Bengal.

Statement showing the Stocks of Rice in and around Calcutta during November 1897.

NAMES OF MARKS.	Stock in hand as compiled on—						
	1st week of Nov. 1896. Mds.	2nd week of Oct. 1897. Mds.	3rd week of Oct. 1897. Mds.	4th week of Oct. 1897. Mds.	1st week of Nov. 1897. Mds.	2nd week of Nov. 1897. Mds.	3rd week of Nov. 1897. Mds.
Baliaghatta	1,70,000	1,14,300	1,20,500	1,28,500	94,700	1,02,500	1,13,500
Ultadanga	44,300	12,200	12,600	14,600	12,800	11,800	13,500
Chitpur, Golabari, Kumartuly, Hethbala, and Culpai Ghat...	4,06,600	1,22,100	1,23,500	1,24,700	1,06,000	1,12,600	1,19,700
Pathuriaghatta, Posta, and Jorabagan	500	640	789	940	1,250	1,450	1,600
Tollygunge, Chetla, Kidderpore, and Manshiganj	90,200	73,800	53,700	57,800	45,700	54,600	46,900
Minor bazars (1)	2,40,000	2,40,000	2,40,000	2,40,000	2,40,000	2,40,000	2,40,000
Other retail shops (1)	2,50,000	2,50,000	2,50,000	2,50,000	2,50,000	2,50,000	2,50,000
Ramkrishnapur	.....	36,900	38,200	42,900	29,300	33,300	35,500
Baidyabati, Nawabganj, Bhadres- war, and Chandernagoret ...	4,365	2,958	4,204	210	3,178	3,622	1,747
Total	12,05,965	8,52,696	8,43,484	8,59,650	7,82,928	8,09,872	8,22,447
On Railway premises on both sides of the river.†	3,253 (on 3rd Nov. 1896).	7,623 (on 9th Oct. 1897.)	22,551 (on 16th Oct. 1897.)	55,261 (on 23rd Oct. 1897.)	85,743 (on 30th Oct. 1897).	68,494 (on 6th Nov. 1897).	92,515 (on 13th Nov. 1897).
On boats not yet unloaded— By Port Commissioners' returns	37,423 (1st to 3rd Nov. 1896).	40,372 (9th to 11th Oct. 1897.)	24,158 (16th to 18th Oct. 1897.)	24,044 (23rd to 25th Oct. 1897.)	25,203 (30th Oct. to 1st Nov. 1897).	37,368 (6th to 8th Nov. 1897).	31,473 (13th to 15th Nov. 1897.)
By Canal returns	10,355 (1st to 3rd Nov. 1896).	9,726 (9th to 11th Oct. 1897.)	9,570 (16th to 18th Oct. 1897.)	5,050 (23rd to 25th Oct. 1897.)	7,128 (30th Oct. to 1st Nov. 1897).	7,046 (6th to 8th Nov. 1897).	6,323 (13th to 15th Nov. 1897.)
Grand Total of Stocks	12,56,996	9,10,417	8,99,763	9,44,005	9,01,002	9,22,778	9,52,758

* This mart is in the Howrah district, and the figures have been obtained by local enquiry.

† Figures furnished by the Collector of Hooghly.

‡ Ditto by the Railway authorities.

(1) Estimated as a constant quantity.

STATISTICAL DEPARTMENT,
The 16th November 1897.M. FINUCANE,
Secretary to the Government of Bengal.

**STATISTICS OF THE SEA-BORNE TRAFFIC OF CALCUTTA
IN FOOD-GRAINS.**

No. 3021 Statistics.—The following memorandum and statements are published for general information.

STATISTICAL DEPARTMENT,
The 16th November 1897.

M. FINUCANE,
Secy. to the Govt. of Bengal.

Memorandum.

The sea-borne import and export traffic of Calcutta in food-grains during the 10 days from 22nd to 31st October 1896 and the corresponding period of 1897 is shown in the following statement:—

		22ND TO 31ST OCTOBER.			
		1896.		1897.	
1		2	3	4	5
		Cwts.	Mds.	Cwts.	Mds.
<i>Imports.</i>					
From Foreign Ports	...	4	5	7,698	10,478
" Indian "	...	85,515	1,16,395	167,784	2,28,372
Total	...	85,519	1,16,400	175,482	2,38,850
<i>Exports.</i>					
To Foreign Ports	...	13,594	18,503	37,153	50,569
" Indian "	...	8,942	12,171	9,713	13,220
Total	...	22,536	30,674	46,866	63,789

Imports.—The staples comprising the import traffic are shown in the table below, and the figures for the period are compared with those for the corresponding period of last year:—

		22ND TO 31ST OCTOBER			
		1896.		1897.	
1		2	3	4	5
		Cwts.	Mds.	Cwts.	Mds.
<i>Food-grains.</i>					
Rice	...	36,355	49,483	167,150	2,27,510
Paddy	...	16,377	22,291	4,978	6,775
Wheat	...	666	906	.....	.....
Gram and pulses	...	31,310	42,616	3,354	4,565
Other food-grains, such as jowar, barley, oats, &c.	...	811	1,104	.....	...
Total	...	85,519	1,16,400	175,482	2,38,850

Imports.—During the period under report, the imports of rice amounted to 167,150 cwts., against 36,356 cwts. in the 10 days ending 31st October 1896. The amount imported from Burma was 1,46,288 cwts., against only 1,294 cwts. in the last 10 days of October 1896, and that from the Straits Settlements 7,642 cwts., against nil in the corresponding period of last year. Shipments of rice from Chandbali fell from 18,554 cwts. to 11,290 cwts., and those from Balasore from 13,514 cwts. to only 1,930 cwts. Imports of paddy fell from 16,377 cwts. to 4,978 cwts., owing to the receipt of smaller consignments from Chandbali and Balasore. The decrease under the head of gram and pulses amounted to 28,012 cwts., the amount imported from Oconada being 2,211 cwts. against 24,103 cwts., while 972 cwts. were received from Chandbali, against 2,903 cwts. in the corresponding period of 1896.

Exports.—In the following statement the total quantity of each kind of food-grain exported by sea during the last 10 days of October 1897 is compared with that for the corresponding period of 1896 :—

1	22ND TO 31ST OCTOBER			
	1896.		1897.	
	2	3	4	5
	Cwts.	Mds.	Cwts.	Mds.
<i>Food-grains.</i>				
Rice	13,655	18,586	36,621	49,845
Paddy	44	60	44	60
Wheat	738	1,004	378	514
Gram and pulses	7,700	10,498	9,783	13,316
Other food-grains, such as jowar, barley, oats, &c.	890	531	40	54
Total ...	22,536	30,674	46,866	63,789

The exports of rice from Calcutta to foreign ports rose from 11,508 cwts. in the last 10 days of October 1896 to 33,515 cwts. in the period under report, owing chiefly to an increase of 25,944 cwts. in the shipment to Ceylon. The exports of gram and pulses also increased from 1,813 cwts. to 3,567 cwts., in consequence of the despatches to Ceylon having risen from 1,390 cwts. to 2,832 cwts. during the last 10 days of October 1896.

As regards Indian ports, the exports of rice during the last 10 days of October 1897 amounted to only 3,106 cwts., against 2,147 cwts. in the corresponding period of last year. The improvement was chiefly in the shipments to Madras and Bombay, to which places 2,684 cwts. were exported, against 833 cwts. in the 10 days ending 31st October 1896. The exports of gram and pulse showed a slight increase of 320 cwts. on the returns of the same period of last year.

Detailed statements showing the sources of supply and the places of destination, both as regards Foreign and Indian ports, are given below:—

Statement No. I, showing the Imports of Food-grains into Calcutta from Foreign and Indian Ports from the 22nd to 31st October 1896 and 1897 (both days inclusive).

Ports.		Rice.	Paddy.	Wheat.	Gram and pulses.	Other food-grains, such as jowar, barley, oats, &c.	Total.
1		2	3	4	5	6	7
<i>From Indian Ports.</i>		<i>Cwts.</i>	<i>Cwts.</i>	<i>Cwts.</i>	<i>Cwts.</i>	<i>Cwts.</i>	<i>Cwts.</i>
Madras	Madras ... { 1896 ...	.....	.....	616	800	.....	916
	... { 1897 ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Bimlipatam ... { 1896 ...	1,488	.....	60	1,471	.....	3,009
	... { 1897 ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Calingapatam ... { 1896 ...	440	.....	.....	79	.....	513
	... { 1897 ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Ocoonada ... { 1896 ...	1,061	.....	.....	24,103	811	25,975
	... { 1897 ...	.....	.....	.....	2,211	.....	2,211
	Masulipatam ... { 1896 ...	.....	.....	.....	1,496	.....	1,496
	... { 1897 ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Burma	Rangoon ... { 1896 ...	1,294	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,294
	... { 1897 ...	136,763	2,281	.....	116	.....	139,149
	Moulmein ... { 1896 ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	... { 1897 ...	9,535	.....	.....	.....	.....	9,535
Balasore	Balasore ... { 1896 ...	13,514	7,442	.....	964	.....	21,920
	... { 1897 ...	1,980	85	.....	.....	.....	2,015
	Chandbali ... { 1896 ...	18,554	8,985	.....	2,903	.....	30,392
	... { 1897 ...	11,290	2,612	.....	972	.....	14,874
Total Indian Ports ... { 1896 ...		86,861	16,377	666	31,310	811	85,515
... { 1897 ...		159,608	4,978	.....	3,298	.....	167,784
<i>From Foreign Ports.</i>							
China—Hong-Kong	... { 1896 ...	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	4
	... { 1897 ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Straits Settlements	... { 1896 ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	... { 1897 ...	7,642	.....	.....	56	.....	7,698
Total Foreign Ports	... { 1896 ...	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	4
	... { 1897 ...	7,642	.....	.....	56	.....	7,698
GRAND TOTAL OF 1896 ...		36,355	16,377	666	31,310	811	85,519
FOREIGN AND IN- 1897 ...		167,150	4,978	.....	3,354	.....	175,482
DIAR PORTS							

Statement No. II, showing the Exports of Food-grains from Calcutta to Foreign and Indian Ports from the 22nd to 31st October 1896 and 1897 (both days inclusive).

Ports.				Rice.	Paddy.	Wheat.	Gram and pulse.	Other food-grains, such as jowar, barley, oats, &c.	Total.
1				2	3	4	5	6	7
To Foreign Ports.				Cwts.	Cwts.	Cwts.	Cwts.	Cwts.	Cwts.
United Kingdom	...	{ 1896 ... 1897 ...	4,022 .....	..... .....	..... .....	..... .....	..... .....	..... .....	4,022
Cape Colony	Cape Town	{ 1896 ... 1897 ...	..... 1,031	..... .....	..... .....	..... .....	..... .....	..... .....	..... 1,031
	East London	{ 1896 ... 1897 ...	..... 767	..... .....	..... .....	..... .....	..... .....	..... .....	..... 767
	Algoa Bay	{ 1896 ... 1897 ...	..... 1,623	..... .....	..... .....	..... .....	..... .....	..... .....	..... 1,623
	Mossel Bay	{ 1896 ... 1897 ...	..... 961	..... .....	..... .....	..... .....	..... .....	..... .....	..... 961
Natal	...	{ 1896 ... 1897 ...	4,635 .....	..... .....	..... .....	301 73	5	4,941 73	
Ceylon	...	{ 1896 ... 1897 ...	2,849 26,793	44 44	..... .....	1,380 2,332	11 11	4,284 31,680	
China—Hong-Kong	...	{ 1896 ... 1897 ...	..... .....	..... .....	59 .....	..... 4	..... .....	59 4	
Straits Settlements	...	{ 1896 ... 1897 ...	2 .....	..... .....	147	132 371	7 16	288 387	
New South Wales	...	{ 1896 ... 1897 ...	..... 200	..... .....	..... .....	..... 125	..... .....	..... 325	
Fiji Islands	...	{ 1896 ... 1897 ...	..... 140	..... .....	..... .....	..... 162	..... .....	..... 302	
Total Foreign Ports			{ 1896 ... 1897 ...	11,508 33,515	44 44	206	1,813 3,587	23 27	13,594 37,152

Ports.				Rice.	Paddy.	Wheat.	Gram and pulse.	Other food-grains, such as jowar, barley, oats, &c.	Total.
1				2	3	4	5	6	7
To Indian Ports.				Cwts.	Cwts.	Cwts.	Cwts.	Cwts.	Cwts.
Bombay	...	...	{ 1896 ...	820	.....	...	330	.....	1,150
	...	...	{ 1897 ...	1,390	.....	...	.....	.....	1,390
Madras	{ Madras	...	{ 1896 ...	.....	.....	...	1,093	.....	1,093
			{ 1897 ...	.....	.....	...	120	.....	120
	{ Bimlipatam	...	{ 1896 ...	12	.....	...	.....	.....	12
			{ 1897 ...	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....
	{ Cochin	...	{ 1896 ...	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....
			{ 1897 ..	1,294	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,294
	{ Coconada	...	{ 1896 ...	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....
			{ 1897 ...	.....	.....	...	.....	13	13
	{ Negapatam	...	{ 1896 ...	.....	.....	...	293	.....	293
			{ 1897 ...	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....
	{ Vezagapatam	...	{ 1896 ...	1	.....	...	.....	.....	1
			{ 1897 ...	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....
Burma	{ Rangoon	...	{ 1896 ...	1,291	.....	468	3,918	367	6,044
			{ 1897 ...	347	.....	44	5,147	...	5,538
	{ Akyab	...	{ 1896 ...	18	.....	.....	177	.....	195
			{ 1897 ...	15	.....	.....	165	.....	180
	{ Kyouk Pyoo	...	{ 1896 ...	3	.....	.....	9	.....	11
			{ 1897 ...	1	.....	.....	1	.....	2
	{ Moulmein	...	{ 1896 ...	3	.....	.....	19	.....	22
			{ 1897 ...	.....	.....	.....	279	.....	279
	{ Sandoway	...	{ 1896 ...	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....
			{ 1897 ...	.....	.....	.....	8	.....	8
Chittagong	...	...	{ 1896 ...	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....
			{ 1897 ...	.....	.....	...	45	.....	45
Balasore	{ Balasore ..	...	{ 1896 ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
			{ 1897 ...	.....	.....	.....	131	.....	131
	{ Chandbali	...	{ 1896 ...	.....	.....	64	49	.....	113
Coco Islands	...	...	{ 1896 ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
			{ 1897 ...	59	.....	.....	.....	.....	59
Port Blair	...	...	{ 1896 ...	.....	.....	.....	8	.....	8
			{ 1897 ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total Indian Ports ... { 1896 ...				2,147	.....	532	5,896	367	8,942
... { 1897 ...				3,106	.....	378	6,216	13	9,713
GRAND TOTAL OF FOREIGN AND INDIAN PORTS. { 1896 ...				13,655	44	738	7,709	390	22,536
... { 1897 ...				36,621	44	378	9,783	40	46,866

STATISTICS OF THE SEA-BORNE TRAFFIC OF THE MINOR PORTS
IN BENGAL IN FOOD-GRAINS.

No. 3014 Statistics.—The following memorandum and statements are published for general information.

STATISTICAL DEPT.,
The 16th November 1897.

M. FINUCANE,
Secy. to the Govt. of Bengal.

Memorandum.

THE comparative statements below give statistics of the import and export trade of the minor ports of Chittagong, Narayanganj, Balasore (including both Balasore and Chandbali), Cuttack, and Puri during the 10 days ending 31st October 1897, as compared with the trade of the corresponding period of 1896:—

IMPORTS.

Port.			From Foreign ports.	From Indian ports.	Total.	
			Cwts.	Cwts.	Cwts.	Mds.
Chittagong	...	{ 1896	.....	113	113	154
	...	{ 1897	.....	11,560	11,560	15,735
Narayanganj	...	{ 1896	.....	.....	.....	.....
	...	{ 1897	.....	.....	.....	.....
Balasore ports...	...	{ 1896	.....	20	20	27
	...	{ 1897	.....	779	779	1,060
Cuttack	...	{ 1896	.....	.....	.....	.....
	...	{ 1897	.....	.....	.....	.....
Puri	...	{ 1896	.....	.....	.....	.....
	...	{ 1897	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total	...	{ 1896	.....	133	133	181
	...	{ 1897	.....	12,339	12,339	16,795

EXPORTS.

Ports.			To Foreign ports.	To Indian ports.	Total.	
			Cwts.	Cwts.	Cwts.	Mds.
Chittagong	...	{ 1896	.....	.....	.....	.....
	...	{ 1897	.....	.....	.....	.....
Narayanganj	...	{ 1896	.....	30	30	41
	...	{ 1897	.....	8	8	11
Balasore ports...	...	{ 1896	.....	14,193	14,193	19,318
	...	{ 1897	.....	17,316	17,316	23,569
Cuttack	...	{ 1896	3,347	.....	3,347	4,556
	...	{ 1897	7,632	.....	7,632	10,383
Puri	...	{ 1896	.....	.....	.....	.....
	...	{ 1897	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total	...	{ 1896	3,347	14,223	17,570	23,915
	...	{ 1897	7,632	17,324	24,956	33,968

The total imports of rice into Chittagong during the 10 days under report amounted to 11,470 cwts., the whole of which came from Burma, against nil in the corresponding period of 1896. The import trade of the Balasore ports improved by 759 cwts., owing to larger receipts of wheat, gram and pulse and other food-grains from Calcutta. On the other hand, Calcutta received 3,123 cwts. of rice, paddy and gram and pulse from those ports more than in the corresponding period of the previous year. False Point despatched 7,632 cwts. of rice to Colombo, against 3,347 cwts. during the 10 days ending 31st October 1896.

Detailed statements showing the sources of supply and the places of destination, both as regards Foreign and Indian ports, are given below:—

Statement showing the quantities of Food-grains imported into Chittagong from each Foreign and Indian Port during the 10 days ending 31st October 1897, as compared with the trade of the corresponding period of 1896.

PORTS FROM WHICH IMPORTED.	Rice.		Paddy.		Wheat.		Gram and pulse.		Other food-grains, such as jowar, barley, oats, &c.		TOTAL.	
	1896.	1897.	1896.	1897.	1896.	1897.	1896.	1897.	1896.	1897.	1896.	1897.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
<i>Foreign Ports.</i>	Owts.	Owts.	Owts.	Owts.	Owts.	Owts.	Owts.	Owts.	Owts.	Owts.	Owts.	Owts.
Nil												
<i>Indian Ports.</i>												
Burma { Akyab		1,837										1,837
Rangoon		9,633										9,633
Calcutta		80							80	80		90
Narayanganj							15				15	
Total	80	11,470					15	80	88	80	115	11,500

Statement showing the quantities of Food-grains exported from Narayanganj to each Foreign and Indian Port during the 10 days ending 31st October 1897, as compared with the trade of the corresponding period of 1896.

PORTS TO WHICH EXPORTED.	Rice.		Paddy.		Wheat.		Gram and pulse.		Other food-grains, such as jowar, barley, oats, &c.		TOTAL.	
	1896.	1897.	1896.	1897.	1896.	1897.	1896.	1897.	1896.	1897.	1896.	1897.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
<i>Foreign Ports.</i>	Owts.	Owts.	Owts.	Owts.	Owts.	Owts.	Owts.	Owts.	Owts.	Owts.	Owts.	Owts.
Nil												
<i>Indian Port.</i>												
Chittagong							30	8			30	8
Total							30	8			30	

Statement showing the quantities of Food-grains imported into Balasore from each Foreign and Indian Port during the 10 days ending 31st October 1897, as compared with the trade of the corresponding period of 1896.

PORTS FROM WHICH IMPORTED.	Rice.		Paddy.		Wheat.		Gram and pulse.		Other food-grains, such as jowar, barley, oats, &c.		Total.	
	1896.	1897.	1896.	1897.	1896.	1897.	1896.	1897.	1896.	1897.	1896.	1897.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
<i>Foreign Ports.</i>	Owts.	Owts.	Owts.	Owts.	Owts.	Owts.	Owts.	Owts.	Owts.	Owts.	Owts.	Owts.
Nil												
<i>Indian Port.</i>												
Calcutta					16	206	4	385		98	20	770
Total					16	206	4	385		98	20	770

Statement showing the quantities of Food-grains exported from Balasore to each Foreign and Indian Port during the 10 days ending 31st October 1897, as compared with the trade of the corresponding period of 1896.

Ports to which exported.	Rice.		Paddy.		Wheat.		Gram and pulses.		Other food-grains, such as jowar, barley, oats, &c.		Total.	
	1896.	1897.	1896.	1897.	1896.	1897.	1896.	1897.	1896.	1897.	1896.	1897.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
<i>Foreign Ports.</i>	Owts.	Cwts.	Owts.	Cwts.	Owts.	Owts.	Owts.	Owts.	Owts.	Owts.	Owts.	Owts.
<i>Indian Port.</i>												
Calcutta	10,449	11,163	3,185	5,364	.....	.....	500	600	.....	.....	14,193	17,516
Total	10,449	11,163	3,185	5,364	.....	.....	500	600	.....	.....	14,193	17,516

Statement showing the quantities of Food-grains exported from Falee Point in the Outtack district to each Foreign and Indian Port during the 10 days ending 31st October 1897, as compared with the trade of the corresponding period of 1896.

Ports to which exported.	Rice.		Paddy.		Wheat.		Gram and pulse.		Other food-grains.		Total.	
	1896.	1897.	1896.	1897.	1896.	1897.	1896.	1897.	1896.	1897.	1896.	1897.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
<i>Foreign Port.</i>	Cwts.	Cwts.	Cwts.	Cwts.	Cwts.	Cwts.	Cwts.	Cwts.	Cwts.	Cwts.	Cwts.	Cwts.
Colombo	3,347	7,632									3,347	7,632
<i>Indian Ports.</i>												
Mil												
Total	3,347	7,632									3,347	7,632

EXPORTS OF FOOD-GRAINS BY THE EAST INDIAN RAILWAY.

No. 3015 Statistics.—The following statement shows the quantity of rice and other food-grains exported by the East Indian Railway from Calcutta and Howrah during the period from 1st January to 13th November 1897, both days inclusive, to have been 1,02,40,545 maunds. The destination of 1,00,29,448 maunds is specified. Of this quantity 32,71,883 maunds were carried to the North-Western Provinces and Oudh, 44,30,087 maunds to stations in Bengal, 15,31,157 maunds to the Central Provinces, and the rest, 7,96,821 maunds to other provinces. In the last week of the period, 19,824 maunds were exported to the North-Western Provinces and Oudh, and 15,174 maunds to Bihar.

STATISTICAL DEPARTMENT,

The 16th November 1897.

M FINUCANE,

Secy. to the Govt. of Bengal.

Statement showing the quantities of rice and other food-grains exported from Howrah and Calcutta (Chitpur Kidderpore Docks, and Port Trust Railway) by the East Indian Railway, from 1st January to 13th November 1897.

STATION TO WHICH CONSIGNED.	Total from 1st January to 30th June 1897.	Total from 1st to 31st July 1897.	Total from 1st to 28th August 1897.	Total from 29th August to 25th Septem- ber 1897.	Total from 26th Septem- ber to 30th Octo- ber 1897.	Week ending 6th November 1897.	Week ending 13th Novem- ber 1897.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
BENGAL.							
<i>Hooghly.</i>							
	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.
Hooghly ...	...	...	...	339	...	...	...
Tarakeswar ...	2,122	...	...	...	...	...	...
Chandernagore ...	109	...	...	...	...	...	...
Dasghora ...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pandua ...	14	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bainchi ...	17	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bhadreswar ...	664	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	2,928	...	...	339	...	...	...
<i>Burdwan.</i>							
Memari ...	163	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rasulpur ...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...
Burdwan ...	1,094	...	889	232	102	40	216
Kaniganj ...	9,653	3,972	1,572	2,143	1,168	101	1,546
Sitarampur ...	10	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ghuskara ...	103	...	...	...	5	...	...
Kanu Junction ...	349	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mankar ...	...	99	61	...	...	...	...
Asansol ...	...	...	523	...	22	...	...
Total ...	11,876	4,071	2,545	2,375	1,297	141	1,762
<i>Birbhum.</i>							
Murari ...	378	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bolpur ...	2	101	1,261	159	199	...	...
Sainthia ...	1	...	103	143	...	...	...
Rampur Hât ...	683	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ahmadpur ...	302	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	1,866	101	1,364	302	199	...	...
<i>Nadia.</i>							
Mirpur ...	7,218	965	...	...	...	...	...
Chudanga ...	3,998	3,670	378	...	...	...	...
Kushtia ...	17,613	2,841	...	347	...	...	...
Alamdanga ...	5,275	2,202	...	...	...	...	...
Bhairamara ...	6,407	1,001	...	...	...	...	...
Damukdia ...	9,349	10,244	924	1,978	...	...	...
Bagula ...	3,819	349	...	...	...	...	...
Kumarkhali ...	3,236	378	...	382	...	...	...
Khoksa ...	1,528	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	58,743	21,650	1,302	2,702	...	...	...
<i>Jessore.</i>							
Jessore ...	1,014	740	...	...	...	...	1,193
Singia ...	2,478	12,788	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	3,492	13,528	...	...	...	...	1,193
<i>Murshidabad.</i>							
Azinganj ...	6,277	3,018	1,929	761	...	...	...
Jiaganj ...	1,930	3,770	1,503	383	122
Dhulian	747	2,038
Jangipur	373	377
Total ...	8,207	7,913	6,447	1,144	122

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BENGAL— contd.							
<i>Rajshahi.</i>	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.
Malanchi ...	1,413	529	...	152	1,095
Atrai ...	...	...	2,088	923	2,347	...	...
Raninagar ...	...	...	1,054	...	...	...	...
Netor ...	...	...	189	...	...	...	...
Total ...	1,413	529	3,326	1,075	3,442	...	...
<i>Dinajpur.</i>							
Dinajpur ...	873	2,417	343	...	899	...	...
<i>Rangpur.</i>							
Saidpur ...	767	829	...	...	...	...	...
Kurigram ...	109	...	...	...	...	...	...
Lalmonir Hât ...	55	...	...	...	...	...	...
Domer ...	685	100	...	223	525	...	...
Kaunia ...	373	...	...	...	...	...	...
Kaliganj ...	770	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mogal Hât ...	...	...	...	120	...	...	...
Total ...	2,759	929	...	848	525	...	...
Cooch Behar ...	20,763	378	754	304	895	...	...
<i>Jalpaiguri.</i>							
Chilahati ...	...	...	...	374	...	...	...
Dam-Dim ...	...	100	...	...	207	...	...
Mandalghat ...	400	300	...	203	100	101	...
Haldibari ...	3,037	628	389	403	385	101	...
Jalpaiguri ...	25,224	13,448	1,820	6,477	7,297	583	...
Ramshai Hât ...	4,493	376	749	375	304	...	...
Mal Bazar ...	2,809	223	100	101	...	...	...
Belakoba ...	101	...	...	...	...	...	...
Chalsa Road Ghat ...	...	1,511	1,431	2,719	3,828	...	...
Total ...	36,064	16,586	4,439	10,652	11,971	735	...
<i>Darjeeling.</i>							
Sonada ...	522	2,088	215	102	875	252	1,166
Siliguri ...	5,395	7,067	1,724	3,691	8,493	1,722	1,125
Ghoom ...	2,611	2,631	349	1,172	1,858	873	766
Darjeeling ...	2,931	4,684	1,914	2,140	3,105	867	1,680
Kurseong ...	4,493	7,037	750	2,846	3,667	1,015	525
Rangtang ...	383	...	...	...	225	...	152
Gyabari ...	...	380	380	...	...	...	101
Mahanadi ...	...	...	386	...	473	305	101
Total ...	16,335	23,837	5,718	9,951	18,606	5,034	5,566
<i>Bogra.</i>							
Akelpur ...	...	2,855	2,118	1,268	1,358	...	...
Jaipur Hât ...	...	4,482	1,174	629	2,463	...	...
Jamalganj ...	...	2,072	100	408	919	...	123
Hili ...	...	130	...	...	...	...	...
Sultanpur ...	...	...	4,098	1,939	12,991	120	2,218
Total ...	...	9,539	7,490	4,244	17,781	120	2,341
<i>Pabna.</i>							
Sirajganj ...	6,295	...	760	1,146	345
<i>Dacca.</i>							
Munshiganj	1,591
Dacca ...	880
Narayanganj	131
Total ...	880	1,591	...	131

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BENGAL— conold.							
<i>Faridpur.</i>	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.
Pangsa ...	7,257	1,769	470	382	431
Rajbari ...	7,571	...	...	...	...	...	...
Goalundo ...	11,414	2,300	2,532	1,814	...	...	...
Pachuria ...	1,374	877	...	2,986	...	...	...
Total ...	27,616	4,446	3,002	5,182	431	...	...
<i>Backergunge.</i>							
Jhalokati ...	...	...	...	2,928	...	...	...
<i>Khulna.</i>							
Phultala ...	360	541	754	...	...	...	...
Nawapara ...	...	...	200	...	...	...	...
Khulna ...	...	...	...	103	...	...	...
Total ...	360	541	954	103	...	...	...
TOTAL OF BENGAL	1,98,470	1,08,056	38,444	42,921	56,053	6,030	10,862
CHOTA NAG- PUR.							
<i>Hazaribagh.</i>							
Giridih ...	16,434	5,681	1,116	107	402	...	...
<i>Manbhum.</i>							
Purulia ...	2,972	3,602	1,466	1,450	...	...	...
Dulrampur ...	722	1,591	...	...	...	...	...
Barakar ...	156	482	371	...	...	...	...
Pradhan Khanda ...	2,377	702	2,453	191	...	...	...
Katrasgarh ...	101	...	...	...	...	...	...
Anara ...	...	...	138	...	...	...	...
Adra ...	...	...	126	...	...	...	...
Kalubathan ...	...	...	762	...	...	...	...
Total ...	6,328	6,487	5,816	1,641	...	...	...
<i>Singhbhum.</i>							
Chakradharpur ...	31	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	31	...	...	...	...	...	...
TOTAL OF CHOTA NAGPUR	22,798	12,118	6,432	1,748	402	...	...
BIHAR.							
<i>Sonthal Parganas.</i>							
Barharwa ...	7,097	6,838	5,368	...	...	...	...
Maharajpur Ghat ...	1,129	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pakour ...	3,011	1,890	6,465	...	...	...	...
Sahibganj ...	43,325	13,427	11,239	151	...	...	...
Baidyanath ...	11,724	3,891	1,473	...	...	...	...
Madhupur ...	2,045	...	1,077	...	38	...	...
Rajmahal ...	1,205	1,919	2,288	...	...	...	...
Tinpahar ...	...	1,888	2,296	...	...	...	...
Kotal Pakour	1,527
Mihijam	381
Jamtara	381
Total ...	69,536	29,853	32,495	151	38

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BIHAR—contd.							
<i>Purnea.</i>							
	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.
Kissenganj ...	379
Katihar Junction ...	4,509	871
Manihari ...	61	6	...	...	141	...	...
Sonali ...	346	751	...	...	...	...	...
Kasba ...	870	740	370	...	...	...	...
Other places ...	...	2,751	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	5,665	4,619	370	...	141	...	...
<i>Bhagalpur.</i>							
Nathnagar ...	5,339	1,532	1,134	...	...	...	...
Colgong ...	25,466	1,511	1,507	...	...	...	...
Pirpainti ...	13,947	6,048	762	...	...	...	...
Ghoga ...	2,248	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bhagalpur ...	66,546	19,769	10,343	1,141	1,591	...	...
Sultanganj ...	3,770	...	380	...	...	...	...
Raghupur ...	870	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pertabganj ...	374	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bhaptiahi ...	...	2,262	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	1,18,060	31,122	14,126	1,141	1,591	...	...
<i>Monghyr.</i>							
Bariarpur ...	882	...	...	...	...	...	...
Khagaria ...	9,517	3,386	4,975	...	386	...	...
Jamalgur ...	1,521	1,120	3,040	...	380	...	...
Lakhisarai ...	24,529	2,473	6,626	1,626	1,522	379	...
Monghyr ...	6,448	2,639	4,149	1,124	380	...	...
Garhara ...	36,145	9,843	7,618	492	...	379	...
Tegra ...	9,825	6,940	3,051	...	760	...	...
Jamui ...	4,203	...	1,134	...	...	...	...
Begamsarai ...	371	...	...	...	...	...	...
Burhi ...	3,031	3,768	3,384	975	...	...	101
Simultola ...	2,657	162	348	...	...	...	...
Nawadi ...	371	...	...	...	...	...	...
Kajra ...	752	2,256	1,503	...	...	...	...
Total ...	99,752	32,587	35,828	4,217	3,428	758	101
<i>Patna.</i>							
Masaurhi ...	375	...	...	...	...	...	...
Khushrupur ...	23,700	12,553	6,822	2,381	...	...	...
Barh ...	18,905	9,109	6,409	3,025	4,166	380	376
Patna ...	1,97,224	88,104	48,290	33,998	53,046	9,541	5,216
Bankipore ...	3,372	4,920	2,647	4,975	4,570	759	...
Digha Ghat ...	49,331	18,339	10,657	9,596	14,078	1,900	376
Sadispur ...	752	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bihta ...	3,602	4,211	10,244	4,566	2,332	379	...
Mokameh ...	23,469	14,484	11,363	4,664	3,048	755	385
Dinapur ...	7,823	1,128	380	...	...	...	...
Buktarpur ...	5,698	12,176	15,988	8,394	1,172	385	...
Fatua ...	3,817	1,896	3,037	8,473	1,902	...	376
Total ...	3,38,068	1,61,920	1,15,837	75,072	84,314	14,099	6,729
<i>Gaya.</i>							
Gaya ...	66,331	17,080	28,726	21,426	25,922	5,352	1,141
Jahanabad ...	2,621	5,723	8,705	6,153	2,815	...	...
Bela ...	373	...	...	...	374	...	...
Mukdumpur ...	371	...	380	...	...	...	...
Total ...	69,696	22,808	37,811	27,579	28,611	5,352	1,141
<i>Shahabad.</i>							
Bedadi ...	8,091	763	...	...	1,541	...	...
Raghunathpur ...	11,340	1,508	4,938	1,896	3,053	...	...
Arrah ...	23,071	15,691	16,933	5,052	11,939	1,903	380
Buxar ...	27,935	18,157	24,676	23,304	23,685	1,146	2,672
Dumraon ...	7,910	1,510	3,022	2,263	3,457
Bihia	764	1,525	375	380	...
Total ...	78,347	37,629	50,333	34,045	44,050	3,434	3,052

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BIHAR—conold.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.
<i>Darbhanga.</i>							
Sakri ...	5,642	375	8,799	377
Tamaria ...	4,144	370	378
Samastipur ...	80,779	12,822	12,511	864	3,387	384	377
Dalsingh Sarai ...	39,098	14,717	14,115	1,515	2,287	...	379
Darbhanga ...	2,25,091	62,524	31,141	2,671	1,154	377	...
Kamtaul ...	1,857	3,435	1,540	...	...	...	...
Waini ...	4,543	1,141	381	...	...	...	...
Jhanjharpur ...	1,508	3,389	1,521	764	...	...	...
Total ...	3,62,662	98,773	65,386	6,191	6,828	761	756
<i>Muzaffarpur</i>							
Janakpur Road ...	759	377	...	...	...	...	...
Sarai ...	1,874	757	1,511	...	...	...	...
Bairagnia ...	2,495	...	...	...	...	...	...
Kanti ...	1,512	...	...	...	...	...	...
Matipur ...	1,398	...	...	...	...	...	...
Dholi ...	1,893	...	374	...	...	...	...
Muzaffarpur ...	2,11,741	42,034	29,219	4,169	5,332	764	748
Bhagwanpur ...	6,996	2,263	3,036	376	...	...	...
Sitamarhi ...	57,756	21,033	4,229	370	...	...	...
Hajipur ...	22,362	7,659	12,585	4,187	3,052	766	...
Garnaul ...	1,499	1,890	1,889	...	...	...	...
Total ...	3,10,285	76,018	52,878	9,102	8,384	1,530	748
<i>Champaran.</i>							
Maezi ...	11,951	...	377	380	...	...	...
Segowli ...	9,694	1,127	380	...	...	...	...
Jindara ...	22,495	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bettiah ...	1,78,145	22,636	16,418	...	...	...	...
Bara ...	42,715	6,125	2,273	...	...	...	...
Motihari ...	86,241	12,445	3,003	...	...	...	...
Pipra ...	7,051	1,107	377	...	...	...	...
Total ...	3,58,292	43,440	22,828	380	...	...	...
<i>Saran.</i>							
Dighwara ...	1,887	6,097	7,298	5,348	3,415	...	...
Ekma ...	12,775	9,428	8,688	1,895	3,418	...	...
Chapra ...	1,28,760	26,967	25,154	14,456	8,718	4,903	1,519
Goldenganj ...	373	...	...	...	...	...	...
Daronda ...	34,771	9,041	4,887	764	...	...	...
Savan ...	1,67,319	46,099	24,553	19,815	3,421	...	379
Revelganj ...	1,11,822	33,297	26,739	10,272	3,772	4,186	740
Mairwa ...	747	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sonpur ...	...	...	...	...	380	383	...
Total ...	4,58,954	1,30,929	97,319	52,550	23,154	9,472	2,047
TOTAL OF BIHAR...	22,69,317	6,69,688	5,25,206	2,10,428	2,00,530	85,406	15,174
TOTAL OF PRO- VINCES UNDER THE LIEUTEN- ANT-GOVERNOR OF BENGAL.	24,90,580	7,89,862	5,70,082	2,55,097	2,56,994	41,436	26,086
ASSAM.							
<i>Cachar.</i>							
Silchar ...	347	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sealtik	1,006	302
Total ...	347	1,006	302
<i>Nowgong.</i>							
Nowgong	380
Total of Assam ...	347	1,006	380	...	302

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NORTH-WEST- ERN PROVINCES AND OUDH.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.
<i>Ghazipur District.</i>							
Dildarnagar ...	25,027	7,598	1,907	3,085	8,049	385	...
Guhmer ...	865	...	1,580	1,141	1,537	...	...
Tari Ghat ...	20,528	8,422	3,047	7,976	13,291	2,301	1,155
Ghazipur ...	...	757	...	754	382	...	...
Total ...	45,915	11,772	6,484	12,906	23,259	2,686	1,155
<i>Benares District.</i>							
Dhina ...	877	...	...	375	381	...	...
Shiupur ...	2,270	1,897	...	...	760	...	...
Zamania ...	88,357	3,445	2,657	2,657	7,896	...	...
Sakaldiha ...	4,160	...	378	...	752	...	...
Mogulsarai ...	3,405	...	...	...	377	...	...
Benares Cantonment	1,52,254	27,260	25,360	12,648	37,828	4,951	3,811
Total ...	2,00,823	32,602	28,395	15,680	47,994	4,951	3,811
<i>Gorakhpur District.</i>							
Bhagalpur Gogra...	3,375	...	...	...	...	...	...
Chauri Chaura ...	3,753	745	...	...	...	...	...
Tahsil Deoria ...	10,612	2,288	1,131	...	...	...	...
Gorakhpur ...	7,987	4,567	3,782	...	...	...	...
Sahjanwa ...	5,340	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bhatpur ...	80,110	4,535	3,888	...	...	...	...
Total ...	61,177	12,135	8,301	...	...	...	...
<i>Basti District.</i>							
Khalilabad ...	1,126	...	...	...	...	...	...
Basti ...	11,438	...	...	...	...	...	...
Uska Bazar ...	4,144	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	16,708	...	...	...	...	...	...
<i>Gonda District.</i>							
Gonda ...	19,514	...	761	...	...	...	...
Other places ...	9,044	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	28,558	...	761	...	...	...	...
<i>Baraich District.</i>							
Nauwara ...	1,895	...	...	...	...	...	...
Baraich ...	4,894	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	6,789	...	...	...	...	...	...
<i>Mirzapur District.</i>							
Abraura Road ...	22,227	4,501	2,667	125	755	390	...
Chunar ...	4,929	1,127	370	...	1,159	399	...
Mirzapur ...	84,654	7,960	17,413	768	7,578	387	...
Gainpura ...	3,045	748	380	...	769	...	...
Total ...	1,14,355	14,336	20,830	893	10,261	1,176	...
<i>Allahabad District.</i>							
Karchana ...	7,163	1,514	1,147	...	...	...	...
Naini ...	370	374	...	...	...	...	...
Manwari ...	2,631	850	...	...	...	...	...
Jasra ...	35,884	2,276	3,061	...	...	...	...
Mija Road ...	1,18,409	6,834	5,726	769	761	...	...
Nahwai ...	6,053	1,528	1,919	...	...	...	...
Allahabad ...	1,94,987	10,701	20,491	3,796	13,734	3,816	761
Bharwari ...	22,940	...	778	...	...	...	...
Sirathu ...	15,916	377	...	...	...	...	...
Shiurajpur ...	12,433	754	1,555
Other places ...	376
Total ...	4,17,162	24,708	34,677	4,559	14,495	3,816	761

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<i>Fatehpur District.</i>							
Bahrampur ...	1,889	881
Khaga ...	4,512
Bindki ...	59,519	3,793	2,279	764
Fatehpur ...	778	108	1,148
Total ...	66,728	4,277	3,422	764
<i>Cawnpore District.</i>							
Cawnpore City ...	3,78,602	6,044	15,338	1,515	6,185	886	...
<i>Etawah District.</i>							
Phaphund ...	10,999
Bharthna ...	766
Etawah ...	46,658	1,148	870	...	881
Jasawantnagar ...	9,451	761
Total ...	67,974	1,148	870	761	881
<i>Farukhabad Dis- trict.</i>							
Fatehgarh ...	873
Farukhabad ...	753
Kannuj ...	881
Total ...	1,507
<i>Mainpuri District.</i>							
Kaurara ...	6,443
Shakohabad ...	6,497	751
Total ...	12,940	751
<i>Agra District.</i>							
Firozabad ...	24,396	377	379	...	772
Agra ...	1,09,626	11,341	5,266	8,898	16,989	3,085	3,808
Barhan ...	260
Total ...	1,34,282	11,718	5,648	8,898	17,711	3,085	3,808
<i>Sitapur District.</i>							
Sitapur ...	12,488	378
<i>Muttra District.</i>							
Kosi ...	1,564
Muttra ...	11,371	758	758	882	1,155	1,524	...
Brindaban ...	696	885	...
Total ...	13,631	758	758	882	1,155	1,909	...
<i>Alighur District.</i>							
Harduaganj ...	755
Sikandra Rao ...	758
Hattrass ...	82,104	9,427	1,784	1,153	12,285	1,511	2,268
Alighur ...	19,579	2,268	2,667	1,515	1,914	761	1,902
Total ...	1,08,191	11,695	4,451	2,668	14,199	2,272	4,170

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NORTH-WEST- ERN PROVINCES AND OUDH— contd.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.
<i>Bulandshahar Dis- trict.</i>							
Chola ...	1,504	...	981	...	...	...	...
Secundrabad ...	5,289	...	752	756	...	...	879
Khurja ...	80,846	...	2,264	2,661	...	...	...
Dibai ...	4,913	...	754	...	...	...	...
Total ...	42,052	...	4,151	8,417	...	...	879
<i>Musaffarnagar Dis- trict.</i>							
Musaffarnagar ...	757	...	...	...	...	...	...
<i>Meerut District.</i>							
Ghaziabad ...	5,135	374	...	...	...	...	767
Meerut ...	42,541	1,150	705	888	876	381	379
Total ...	47,676	1,524	765	888	876	381	1,146
<i>Banda District.</i>							
Badansa ...	4,530	...	375	...	...	...	...
Banda ...	87,553	3,902	4,934	753	1,916	762	374
Bargarh ...	11,332	784	391	...	...	...	...
Manikpur ...	7,919	1,142	1,178	...	...	...	...
Kurwi ...	43,218	...	1,129	...	...	884	...
Majhgawan ...	876	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	1,04,928	5,728	8,007	753	1,916	1,146	274
<i>Moradabad District.</i>							
Khanth ...	1,885	...	...	...	...	...	...
Moradabad ...	11,699	...	381	...	...	...	...
Chundowai ...	21,796	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	35,380	...	381	...	...	...	...
<i>Azimgarh District.</i>							
Shahganj ...	27,277	1,509	2,675	...	1,186	...	...
<i>Bareilly District.</i>							
Nawabganj ...	754	...	...	...	...	...	...
Aonla ...	7,627	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bareilly ...	47,274	2,311	1,520	1,905	1,146	...	...
Total ...	55,655	2,311	1,520	1,905	1,146	...	...
<i>Jaunpur District.</i>							
Jaunpur ...	65,666	6,853	5,859	1,531	6,832	380	756
<i>Shajehanpur Dis- trict.</i>							
Shajehanpur ...	20,082	380	762	...	888	...	...
Tilhar ...	16,026
Anjhi ...	11,080	380	381
Rosa Junction ...	373
Total ...	47,511	760	1,143	...	888

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NORTH-WEST- ERN PROVINCES AND OUDH— contd.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.
<i>Eta District.</i>							
Jaleswar Road ...	886	...	...	...	...	...	...
Kashganj ...	4,146	...	881	...	...	...	...
Total ...	4,582	...	881	...	...	...	...
<i>Lucknow District.</i>							
Lucknow ...	1,02,370	3,044	4,186	7,340	1,916	2,284	771
Alamnagar ...	28,257	758	765	3,047	755	877	...
Kakori ...	8,020	...	...	...	...	...	...
Malihabad ...	754	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	1,44,401	3,802	4,951	10,387	2,671	2,661	771
<i>Pilibhit District.</i>							
Pilibhit ...	1,516	...	...	...	...	...	...
<i>Saharanpur District.</i>							
Rurki ...	873	...	...	...	...	...	...
Saharanpur ...	15,033	...	...	881	...	...	...
Total ...	15,406	...	...	881	...	...	...
<i>Fyzabad District.</i>							
Sahwal ...	783	...	...	...	...	...	...
Radhauli ...	20,772	...	...	...	...	...	...
Fyzabad ...	72,070	3,787	7,621	1,188	2,662	881	2,313
Ajodhya ...	10,993	...	...	...	...	...	...
Gosainganj ...	3,788	374	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	1,08,406	4,161	7,621	1,188	2,662	881	2,313
<i>Sultanpur District.</i>							
Akbarpur ...	9,786	...	...	...	...	...	...
<i>Bara Banki District.</i>							
Bahramghat ...	7,166	758	...	...	...	...	...
Duryabad ...	2,275	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bara Banki ...	14,417	769	...	...	...	...	...
Safdaraganj ...	52,935	758	...	...	...	888	...
Total ...	76,798	2,285	...	...	...	888	...
<i>Hardai District.</i>							
Balamau ...	755	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hardai ...	21,828	374	881	376	...	...	...
Baghauli ...	14,899	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sandila ...	5,667	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	42,649	874	881	376	...	...	...
<i>Bijnor District.</i>							
Dhampur ...	8,692	...	...	...	...	...	...
Nagina ...	9,081	1,181
Najibabad ...	10,568	709
Bijnor ...	2,618
Total ...	30,959	1,840
<i>Unao.</i>							
Unao	881

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NORTH-WEST- ERN PROVINCES AND OUDH— concl'd.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.
<i>Jhansi District.</i>							
Jhansi ...	6,425	1,582	875	883	1,919	1,140	...
<i>Lalitpur District.</i>							
Lalitpur ...	4,506	756	881	...	...	...	...
<i>Kheri District.</i>							
Lakshmipur ...	8,889	...	...	...	...	...	...
<i>Hamirpur District.</i>							
Mahoba ...	16,262	1,898	2,262	1,145	1,548	879	880
<i>Dehra Dun District.</i>							
Hardwar ...	878	...	...	...	...	...	...
<i>Jalaun District.</i>							
Ait ...	1,117	...	...	...	...	...	...
Kalpi ...	1,873	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	2,990	...	...	...	...	...	...
<i>Garhwal District.</i>							
Haldwani ...	2,264	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other places ...	72,581	1,898	4,579	865	...	...	...
TOTAL OF THE NORTH-WEST- ERN PROVINCES AND OUDH.	26,53,270	1,69,550	1,75,243	70,690	1,56,174	27,132	19,824
PANJAB.							
<i>Amritsar District.</i>							
Amritsar ...	740	...	...	382	...	...	...
<i>Delhi District.</i>							
Delhi ...	2,31,956	11,385	14,105	24,694	14,123	4,241	8,388
<i>Jullundur District.</i>							
Jullundur City ...	8	...	...	386	...	...	...
<i>Umballa District.</i>							
Umballa City ...	17,863	140	...	...	...	...	...
<i>Gurgaon District.</i>							
Faraknagar ...	378	...	...	...	...	...	...
Gurgaon ...	1,490	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bewari ...	64,441	1,183	3,778	2,249	4,352	...	828
Total ...	66,709	1,183	3,778	2,249	4,352	...	828
<i>Rawalpindi District.</i>							
Rawalpindi ...	...	...	1,973	1,125	...	...	...
Other places ...	96,050	1,901	13,782	1,549	5,744	...	1,186
TOTAL OF THE PANJAB.	1,18,321	14,609	33,533	20,895	24,219	4,241	10,347

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
CENTRAL PRO- VINCES.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.
Sehora Road ...	20,160	6,077	5,691	2,284	881
Katni ...	66,879	10,590	8,014	3,411	6,143	...	...
Jubbulpur ...	1,95,098	6,835	22,379	3,788	7,674	769	394
Peeparia ...	41,578	2,861	2,649	1,141	...	...	...
Kareli ...	87,846	9,146	8,829	1,908	781	...	...
Nagpur ...	79,979	21,248	88,464	10,829	11,671	376	4,074
Other places ...	5,80,702	1,16,171	1,19,291	42,248	39,834	1,538	8,036
Total ...	10,20,742	1,72,428	1,95,317	65,109	66,484	2,683	8,394
RAJPUTANA AND CENTRAL INDIA.							
Dholpur ...	1,126	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ajmere ...	759	753	881	879	...	...	...
Sutna ...	1,06,401	11,420	14,810	2,640	1,148	770	...
Mhow ...	2,838	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ulwar ...	5,713	877	...	885	...	760	...
Indore ...	1,506	...	...	...	...	...	...
Jeypur ...	3,016	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bawal ...	755	...	...	...	...	...	...
Harpulpur ...	4,807	880	880	760	...	...	551
Other places ...	18,718	5,758	1,528	878	378	...	...
Total ...	1,45,639	18,097	17,099	4,542	1,526	1,530	551
Hyderabad ...	1,156	...	...	...	...	...	...
BERAR.							
Badnera ...	882	...	...	402	1,145	...	379
Dhamangaon ...	2,934	1,062	...	882	...	...	...
Malkapur ...	433	865	...	879	...	...	...
Khamgaon ...	2,418	...	763	...	...	...	...
Akola ...	3,730	1,979	8,778	2,678	1,971	775	750
Amraoti ...	15,258	8,824	8,878	12,357	8,413	765	758
Total ...	25,156	7,260	12,919	16,198	6,529	1,540	1,882
Bombay ...	874	...	1,143	...	...	...	...
Unspecified places	1,12,220	2,640	8,197	3,167	1,230	375	459
GRAND TOTAL ...	68,62,805	11,75,942	10,08,913	4,45,188	5,13,467	78,937	67,493
ABSTRACT.							
Total of Bengal ...	1,08,470	1,08,056	38,444	42,921	56,053	6,030	10,862
" " Bihar ...	22,69,317	6,69,688	5,25,206	2,10,428	2,00,539	85,406	15,174
" " Chota Nag- pur.	22,793	12,118	6,432	1,748	402	...	...
Total of Assam ...	347	1,066	880	...	802	...	...
Total of the North Western Pro- vinces and Oudh.	26,53,270	1,69,550	1,75,243	70,690	1,56,174	27,132	19,824
Total of the Panjab	4,13,321	14,509	83,533	30,385	24,219	4,241	10,347
Total of Rajputana and Central India.	1,45,639	18,697	17,099	4,542	1,526	1,530	551
Total of Central Provinces.	10,20,742	1,72,428	1,95,317	65,109	66,484	2,683	8,394
Total of Hyderabad	1,156	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total of Berar ...	25,156	7,260	12,919	16,198	6,529	1,540	1,882
Total of Bombay ...	874	...	1,143	...	...	...	...
Total of Unspecified places.	1,12,220	2,640	8,197	3,167	1,230	375	459
Add exports from Calcutta from 1st to 30th January 1897, the details whereof are not available.	87,800	...	...	...	...	...	...
GRAND TOTAL ...	69,50,605	11,75,942	10,08,913	4,45,188	5,13,467	78,937	67,493

**EXPORTS OF FOOD-GRAINS BY THE EASTERN BENGAL STATE
RAILWAY.**

No. 3019 Statistics.—The following statement shows the quantity of rice and other food-grains exported by the Eastern Bengal State Railway from Sealdah and Calcutta during the period from 1st January to 30th October 1897, both days inclusive, to have been 13,15,522 maunds. The destination of 13,11,245 maunds is specified. Of this quantity, 10,37,160 maunds were carried to stations in Bengal Proper, and 94,428 maunds to Bihar and Chota Nagpur, 45,911 maunds to the North-Western Provinces and Oudh, 1,25,823 maunds to Assam, and the rest (7,933 maunds) to other provinces.

STATISTICAL DEPARTMENT,

The 16th November 1897.

M. FINUCANE,

Secretary to the Govt. of Bengal.

Statement showing the quantities of rice and other food-grains exported from Sealdah and Calcutta (Port Trust Railway, Chitpur and Kidderpore Docks), by the Eastern Bengal State Railway, from 1st January to 30th October 1897.

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BENGAL.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.
<i>24-Parganas.</i>									
Barrackpore ...	1,071	374
Shamnagar ...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Kankinara ...	302	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Naihati ...	149	182	...	20	...	...	...	...	...
Kanohrapara ...	34	24	4	2	...	...	...	...	...
Duttapukur ...	84	...	...	...	...	...	...	16	...
Gobardanga ...	1,191	359	190	252	129	80	177	127	100
Akra Junction ...	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Muslandpur ...	9	4	6	...	...	3	...	...	6
Mugra Hat ...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Guma ...	60	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Budge-Budge ...	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Dogaohia ...	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Habra ...	...	...	12	...	...	...	...	...	...
Baruipur ...	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	...
Total Nadia.	2,934	943	212	279	129	83	177	143	107
<i>Chakdaha</i>	<i>97</i>	<i>...</i>	<i>142</i>	<i>...</i>	<i>...</i>	<i>...</i>	<i>...</i>	<i>...</i>	<i>4</i>
Ranaghat ...	785	131	81	6	...	...	116	69	64
Aranghata ...	45	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bagula ...	17,323	3,058	4	17	...	...	...	...	...
Kishanganj ...	3,781	1,711	971	302	...	...	...	...	...
Banpur ...	608	148	126	...	6	...	...	...	...
Ramnagar ...	2,874	729	568	109	4	...	5	...	...
Jairampur ...	2,325	1,072	560	168	...	...	...	...	...
Obuadanga ...	17,306	5,264	1,117	200	10	...	26	106	23
Munshiganj ...	6,447	1,509	69	9	...	...	...	2	10
Alamdanga ...	35,663	11,839	2,523	18	...	...	42	7	1
Halsa ...	2,339	483	...	503	193	...	...	...	...
Poradaha ...	2,340	245	15	...	...	...	...	...	...
Jagati ...	2,853	905	21	13	...	...	...	...	...
Kushtia ...	47,273	19,967	1,582	3,368	199	...	90	790	119
Kumarkhali ...	20,440	18,740	774	2,504	569	...	836	796	235
Kokea ...	6,567	3,583	637	234	2	330	101	127	83
Mirpur ...	20,759	2,549	148	15	60	...	1	...	...
Bhairamara ...	29,622	2,962	14	...	105	...	2	...	61
Damukdia ...	7,107	13,189	3,425	908	225	...	...	...	22
Gangnapur ...	32	20	61	...	...	...	...	...	...
Madanpur ...	9	88	...	28	...	...	...	...	...
Sibnibash ...	...	...	...	...	1	20	1	6	11
Total Jessore.	2,26,600	88,192	12,838	8,402	1,374	850	1,220	1,903	693
<i>Chandpara</i>	<i>150</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>...</i>	<i>...</i>	<i>...</i>	<i>...</i>	<i>...</i>	<i>...</i>
Bangaon ...	1,667	213	268	358	153	...	217	86	98
Gopalnagar ...	521	69	129	240	60	...	86	39	50
Benapol ...	296	268	69	26	20	20	4	...	7
Nabharan ...	634	227	129	40	16	...	...	13	...
Jhikargaacha ...	7,048	1,685	1,004	312	348	61	42	51	...
Jessore ...	6,649	3,482	1,017	418	45	21	15	145	28
Rupdia ...	58	59	3	8	...	...	...	...	...
Singia ...	16,316	7,275	40	55	...	2	...	40	34
Naral ...	258	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Binodpur ...	1,056	110	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Nohatta ...	328	77	2	...	4
Other places ...	2,529	250	...	4	10	...
Total	37,510	13,733	2,676	1,461	646	104	364	384	217

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BENGAL—contd.									
<i>Khulna.</i>	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.
Fakir Hât	20	...	6
Nawapara ...	1,535	876	51	10	2	...	2	4	110
Phultala ...	846	119	180	26	...	...	...	44	...
Daulatpur ...	148	20	30	75	4	...	...	...	18
Khulna ...	3,526	5,343	419	435	...	...	101	20	4
Bagir Hât ...	15	18	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bhatpara ...	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	5,578	6,376	700	546	12	...	103	68	132
<i>Rajshahi.</i>									
Malanchi ...	1,503	2,126	...	542	...	...	338	16	16
Gopalpur ...	73	260	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Nator ...	498	1,873	1,294	2,363	312	205	...	182	282
Attrai ...	37	982	4,434	1,380	300	297	1,103	205	150
Raninagar ...	108	304	185	40	...	...	...	...	...
Alipur ...	14,912	3,108	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rampur Boalia ...	1,348	3,594	1,862	...	68	102	...	...	...
Sara ...	493	301	4	3	80	...	...	...	61
Charghat ...	...	448	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Madhanagar ...	...	...	100	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	18,972	12,996	7,879	4,328	760	604	1,441	403	459
<i>Dinajpur.</i>									
Parbatipur ...	...	358	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Kaungaon ...	6	883	400	...	...	...	...	...	...
Charkai ...	192	24	32	124	48	...	20	...	...
Phulbari ...	82	232	97	...	...	...	...	...	20
Raiganj ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Dinajpur ...	1,007	3,778	2,787	...	461	210	...	101	...
Kaliganj ...	...	140	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	1,288	5,415	3,266	124	509	210	20	101	20
<i>Jalpaiguri.</i>									
Belakoba ...	632	150	...	...	...	...	288	...	101
Dam-Dim ...	171	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Chilahati ...	70	300	332	1,089	100	120	100	460	...
Haldibari ...	24,726	7,041	3,081	14,029	3,787	1,651	7,715	2,916	2,012
Jalpaiguri ...	25,961	13,032	2,609	5,580	857	100	1,576	2,111	170
Ramshai Hât ...	9,716	5	406	378	...	...	...	40	...
Chalsa Road Ghât ...	1,220	...	203	1,401	246	...	...	...	...
Malbazar ...	1,981	165	...	...	...	...	...	220	...
Deomoni ...	103	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mandal Ghât ...	713	520	...	235	...	140	300	250	300
Total ...	65,293	21,213	6,625	22,692	4,990	2,011	9,979	5,997	2,583
<i>Darjeeling.</i>									
Siliguri ...	5,857	887	41	1,644	487	100	440	200	...
Kurseong ...	4,097	14	6	412	...	...	...	...	5
Sonada ...	1,056	...	...	410	...	500	340	200	...
Ghum ...	4,465	1,175	713	651	160	784	123	380	200
Darjeeling ...	3,184	1,386	1,074	552	60	890	570	140	20
Mahanadi ...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
Tindaria	100
Rangtang	130
Total ...	18,659	3,462	1,834	3,770	837	2,271	1,473	920	225

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BENGAL—contd.									
<i>Rangpur.</i>	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.
Daroani	237	805	100
Rangpur ...	1,337	1,458	634	803	136	75	44	288	196
Kaunia ...	234	...	12	277	...	22	...	...	82
Badarganj ...	24	...	38	20	18	...	...	...	...
Saidpur ...	1,495	2,373	1,450	658	83	32	80	323	115
Nilphamari ...	236	505	868	663	18	461	6	222	38
Domar ...	8,097	5,191	1,359	7,691	2,935	2,134	6,176	2,451	1,501
Tista ...	392	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Lalmonir Hat ...	453	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	...
Magal Hat ...	200	...	356	56	...	...	...	...	62
Kurigram ...	964	55	127	449	30	...	...	62	20
Jatrapur ...	426	34	26	130	49	...	20	...	...
Porabari ...	680	29	81	520	...	...	172	20	1
Madarganj ...	4	...	20	91	20	121	200	900	1,354
Kamarjani ...	1,388	36	35	242	14	22	51	...	41
Chilmari ...	248	70	20	85	30	12	...	...	...
Rowmari ...	133	...	21	26	70	...	20	...	...
Shampur ...	100	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	16,411	9,988	5,358	11,816	3,403	2,879	6,769	4,266	3,360
<i>Bogra.</i>	...	100	150	200	...	...	...	...	...
Panohbibbi ...	...	16	1,493	583	...	200	918	553	200
Jaipur Hat ...	1,859	229	416	882	8	371	152	100	192
Jamerbari ...	170	953	4,148	2,769	500	1,895	1,180	1,700	100
Sultanpur ...	390	1,117	1,665	501	150	160	760	750	...
Akkelpur ...	105	987	335	213	...	22	82	...	100
Hili ...	507	1,274	722	120	...	...	200	...	230
Jamalganj ...	...	108	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tilakpur ...	...	...	...	37	50	...	...	40	...
Nakhila ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	3,047	6,261	8,019	5,716	708	2,638	3,292	3,143	822
<i>Pabna.</i>	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Nagarbari ...	1,263	201	300	801	...	152	18	...	...
Banagram ...	85	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Belkuchi ...	3,996	1,154	192	2,219	110	225	513	152	24
Serajganj ...	11,476	2,477	3,771	10,840	45	468	175	143	103
Pabna ...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sthalchar ...	...	...	5	8	38	...	...	...	...
Bera ...	...	...	12	18	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	16,824	3,832	4,280	13,886	193	845	706	295	127
<i>Cooch Behar.</i>	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Chaurh Hat ...	1,476	...	...	...	...	...	...	20	147
Torsa ...	28,106	...	360	183	260	281	...	40	20
Other places ...	917	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	30,499	...	360	183	260	281	...	60	167
<i>Dacca.</i>	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Dorogram ...	...	...	...	17	1	...	...	...	...
Elashin ...	6	9	16	218	275	106	156	4	...
Narayanganj ...	1,436	104	520	4,425	100	...	...	...	40
Dacca ...	533	69	136	468	60	...	80	...	40
Kadirpur ...	22	28	327	253	...	...	2	...	...
Tarpasa ...	815	29	...	302	24	...	...	...	...
Kamalaghat ...	13	38	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bahar ...	13	...	...	387	...	...	...	...	...
Moynal ...	12	2	...	...	...	...	...	1	...
Postagola ...	513	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Maniknagar ...	2	...	...	2	2	...	...	...	...
Aricha ...	...	12	...	...	...	...	31	...	...
Sabhar	296	...	60	105
Elachipur	6
Bishnandi	20
Total ...	3,365	291	999	6,392	462	166	374	5	80

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BENGAL—contd.									
<i>Mymensingh.</i>									
Gafargaon	16
Mymensingh	651	14	144	248	302	20	32
Bhairab Bazar	41	76	41
Bahadurabad	254	20	...	94	...	...	148	30	26
Hargilaochar	336	121	22	32	...	...	...	...	40
Jagannathganj	1,186	25	63	165	218	111	250	280	70
Subarnakhali	2,559	264	102	171	...	...	70	...	3
Sadhuganj	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...
Total	5,043	444	331	783	556	131	500	310	139
<i>Faridpur.</i>									
Doomasa	...	...	...	127	46	...	...	...	80
Daulatdia	11,346	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Lallgolla	4,469	2,730	1,275	6,776	3,012	724	122	222	333
Pangsa	34,805	12,914	984	1,829	426	14	49	64	36
Belgachi	8,279	300	103	424	106	...	12	...	...
Rajbari	13,341	1,124	495	327	204	202	...	...	...
Pachuria	19,465	8,746	6,355	5,531	45	823	...	...	...
Goalundo	19,895	4,304	2,818	6,353	1,332	...	1,506	500	...
Faridpur	21	...	2	19	...	...	...	26	...
Madaripur	6	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	...
Haserkandi	4	...	...	20	...	...	...	...	...
Nuria	...	30	456	856	130	...	...	...	...
Kartikpur	61	...	14	558	40	...	...	...	3
Jobsa	...	...	...	86	3	...	...	...	...
Total	1,11,692	30,148	12,502	22,911	5,344	1,763	1,689	812	452
<i>Backergunge.</i>									
Pirozpur	...	5	...	...	4	...	...	...	...
Jhalakati	920	...	1,232	2,147	...	...	...	20	...
Barisal	249	...	40	20	...	...	...	...	20
Total	1,169	5	1,272	2,167	4	...	...	20	20
<i>Tippera.</i>									
Azabpur	...	...	...	1	2	...	...	...	...
Haziganj	20	...	...	120	...	...	20	...	...
Oomilla	130	...	...	132	...	...	...	...	...
Chandpur	8	1	240	203	79	18	...	...	...
Akhaura	7	8	18	9	...	6	...	...	...
Nayanpur	...	...	...	9	...	...	...	...	...
Brahmanbaria	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...
Total	165	9	258	477	81	24	20	...	...
<i>Noakhali.</i>									
Noakhali	471	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
Feni	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...
Total	471	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...
<i>Chittagong.</i>									
Chittagong	54	284	345	618	70	...	106	40	10
<i>Burdwan.</i>									
Sitarampur	...	...	412	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rasulpur	3
Raniganj	428
Total	431	...	412
<i>Birbhum.</i>									
Bolpur	5
Sainthia	2
Total	7

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BENGAL—concd.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.
<i>Murshidabad.</i>									
Asimganj ...	312	375
Jiaganj ...	20
Total ...	332	375
Total of Bengal ...	5,66,344	2,03,967	70,166	1,06,550	20,338	14,363	28,233	18,870	9,613
<i>CHOTA NAGPUR.</i>									
<i>Hazaribagh.</i>									
Giridih ...	390	740
<i>Manbhum.</i>									
Parulia ...	937	740	927	360
Chandil ...	10
Katrasgarh ...	16
Pradhan Khanta	740
Total ...	963	740	1,667	360
<i>Singbhum.</i>									
Chakradharpur ...	20
Total of Chota Nagpur	1,373	1,480	1,667	360
BIHAR.									
<i>Sonthal Parganas.</i>									
Deoghur ...	370
Pakur ...	6
Rajmahal	794
Total ...	376	794
<i>Bhagalpur.</i>									
Coigong ...	384
Bhagalpur ...	370	4,100
Total ...	754	4,100
<i>Monghyr.</i>									
Monghyr ...	370	...	370
Barowni ...	10
Khageria ...	742	370	376
Burhi	1,496	1,516
Kajra ...	161	1,876	375
Jamalpur	370
Garhara	751	751
Total ...	1,283	4,863	3,358
<i>Patna.</i>									
Barh	753	1,128
Patna ...	1,050	8,988	2,828	1,110	...	370
Diga Ghat ...	740	386
Bakhtiarpur ...	377	771	382
Mokameh ...	745	3,776	2,627	100
Khusrupur	2,655	375
Bankipur	375	751	370	...	370
Dinapur	371
Bihta	370
Total ...	2,912	18,075	8,091	1,850	...	740

STATION TO WHICH CONSIGNEED.	Total from 1st January to 26th June 1897.	Total from 27th June to 31st July 1897.	Total from 1st to 28th August 1897.	Total from 29th August to 25th September 1897.	Week ending 2nd October 1897.	Week ending 9th October 1897.	Week ending 16th October 1897.	Week ending 23rd October 1897.	Week ending 30th October 1897.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
BIHAR—concd.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.
<i>Purnea.</i>									
Barsoi ...	...	...	370	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sonali ...	720	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Kishanganj ...	1	1,466	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Kasba ...	...	...	200	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	721	1,466	570	...	...	...	...	...	...
<i>Darbhanga.</i>									
Samastipur ...	895	3,004	1,499	...	...	...	...	...	...
Kamtaul ...	370	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Dalsingh Sarai ...	...	3,755	2,632	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	1,265	6,759	4,131	...	...	...	...	...	...
<i>Shahabad.</i>									
Buxar ...	...	...	...	1,852	...	...	...	...	...
Arrah ...	...	1,120	385	...	...	...	...	...	...
Raghunathpur ...	370	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Behra ...	...	...	370	...	...	...	...	...	...
Dumraon ...	...	...	...	370	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	370	1,120	755	2,222	...	...	...	...	...
<i>Gaya.</i>									
Gaya ...	370	...	11	...	...	...	...	...	...
<i>Muzaffarpur.</i>									
Hajipur ...	740	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sitamarhi ...	370	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Muzaffarpur ...	2,628	2,281	380	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bhagwanpur ...	...	375	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Garaul ...	...	376	375	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	3,738	3,032	755	...	...	...	...	...	...
<i>Champan.</i>									
Bettiah ...	370	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
<i>Saran.</i>									
Ekma ...	740	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Revelganj ...	1,870	1,857	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Chapra ...	1,537	380	370	...	...	...	...	...	...
Savan ...	2,960	1,480	740	...	...	...	...	...	...
Daronda ...	370	1,565	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Digwara ...	...	758	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	7,477	5,980	1,110	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total of Bihar NORTH-WES- TERN PROVIN- CES AND OUDH.	19,636	46,189	18,811	4,172	...	740	...	...	...
<i>Ghazipur.</i>									
Dildarnagar ...	...	1,121	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ghazipur ...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tarighat ...	...	370	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	5	1,491	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
<i>Benares.</i>									
Benares ...	370	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Zamania ...	...	...	...	...	...	375	740	...	...
Total ...	370	...	...	...	...	375	740	...	...
<i>Gorakhpur.</i>									
Gauri Bazar ...	370
Chauri Chaura ...	370
Gorakhpur	740
Total ...	740	...	740

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STATION TO WHICH CONSIGNED.	Total from 1st January to 26th June 1897.	Total from 27th June to 31st July 1897.	Total from 1st to 28th August 1897.	Total from 29th August to 25th Septem- ber 1897.	Week en ling 2nd October 1897.	Week ending 9th October 1897.	Week ending 16th October 1897.	Week ending 23rd October 1897.	Week ending 30th October 1897.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
NORTH-WES- TERN PROVIN- CES AND OUDH—concd.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.
<i>Lucknow.</i>									
Lucknow ...	1,901	374	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Alamnagar ...	3,401	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	5,302	374	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
<i>Bulandshahar.</i>									
Khurja ...	750	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
<i>Fyzabad.</i>									
Fyzabad ...	821	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Gosainganj ...	385	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	1,206	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
<i>Hardai.</i>									
Hardai ...	373	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Baghauli ...	748	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	1,121	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other places ...	2,255	...	370	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total of the North- Western Provin- ces.	39,449	3,012	1,873	81	...	766	740	...	...
Panjab ...	1,516	...	370	1,110	...	...	740	370	...
Central Provinces ...	456	1	...	2,986	...	...	...	...	...
Rajputana and Central India.	384	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
ASSAM.									
<i>Sylhet.</i>									
Fenchugunge ...	151	593	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sylhet ...	1,294	51	2	371	510	80	...	...	...
Badarpur ...	6,237	106	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Balaganj ...	5,052	369	...	425	...	...	146	...	...
Karimganj ...	890	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...
Chattak ...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other places ...	836	1,070	327	...	...	20	106	...	111
Total ...	14,463	2,099	329	796	512	100	262	...	111
<i>Oachar.</i>									
Silchar ...	13,847	5,922	261	1,348	2,550	1,371	279	20	...
<i>Goalpara.</i>									
Dhubri ...	1,208	121	330	632	52	125	224	10	53
Goalpara ...	1,640	310	366	2,384	660	178	570	380	180
Total ...	2,848	431	696	3,016	712	303	794	390	233

STATION TO WHICH CONSIGNED.	Total from 1st January to 26th June 1897.	Total from 27th June to 31st July 1897.	Total from 1st to 28th August 1897.	Total from 29th August to 25th Septem- ber 1897.	Week ending 2nd October 1897.	Week ending 9th October 1897.	Week ending 16th October 1897.	Week ending 23rd October 1897.	Week ending 30th October 1897.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
ASSAM—concd.									
<i>Kamrup.</i>	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.
Gauhati ...	673	3,258	2,876	13,257	1,447	822	1,082	1,280	2,082
<i>Darrang.</i>									
Tejpur ...	257	111	152	411	101	101	57	...	...
Mangaldai ...	18	160	...	1	56	...	...	...	...
Bishunath ...	51	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Behalimukh ...	...	...	...	410	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	326	271	152	822	157	101	57	...	...
<i>Sibsagar.</i>									
Nigriting ...	1,826	...	...	13	40	60	10	...	19
Disangmukh ...	1,676	437	190	357	68	32	20	63	40
Dekhumukh ...	3,986	609	697	555	275	72	176	77	30
Kokilamukh ...	557	372	103	...	240	30	16	...	...
Other places ...	1,576	701	10	84	100	42	...	...	...
Total ...	9,621	2,119	1,000	1,009	723	236	222	140	89
<i>Lakhimpur.</i>									
Dibrugarh ...	14,366	875	1,887	4,020	1,150	166	918	1,600	132
Palasbari ...	2	20	...	103	...	6	...	...	...
Total ...	14,368	895	1,887	4,123	1,150	172	918	1,600	132
<i>Nowgong.</i>									
Nilghat ...	558	...	...	61	162	145	200	...	...
Other places ...	115	26	400	...	...	...	...	112	...
Total of Assam ...	56,819	15,021	7,601	24,482	7,413	3,250	3,804	3,542	2,647
Unspecified places ...	3,843	115	16	143	...	20	100	13	27
GRAND TOTAL ...	6,89,820	2,69,785	1,00,504	1,39,834	27,751	19,129	33,617	22,795	12,267
ABSTRACT.									
Total of Bengal ...	5,65,086	2,03,931	70,166	1,06,550	20,338	14,363	28,233	18,870	9,613
Ditto Bihar ...	19,636	46,189	18,811	4,172	...	740	...	...	...
Ditto Chota Nag- pur.	1,373	1,480	1,667	360	...	...	...	...	...
Ditto North-Wes- tern Pro- vinces and Oudh.	39,449	3,012	1,873	81	...	756	740	...	...
Ditto Panjab ...	1,516	...	370	1,110	...	...	740	370	...
Ditto Central Pro- vinces.	456	1	...	2,986	...	...	...	...	...
Ditto Rajputana and Central India.	384	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Assam ...	58,077	15,057	7,601	24,432	7,413	3,250	3,804	3,542	2,647
Unspecified places ...	3,843	115	16	143	...	20	100	13	27
GRAND TOTAL ...	6,89,820	2,69,785	1,00,504	1,39,834	27,751	19,129	33,617	22,795	12,287

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF THE PRICES OF FOOD-GRAINS.

RETAIL prices of common rice and other food-grains in the several districts of Bengal and in the neighbouring districts of the North-Western Provinces during the first and second fortnights of September and October 1897, as compared with the corresponding fortnights of September and October 1896, are published for general information. The latest available prices of common rice in Cachar and Sylhet are also published.

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT, the 16th November 1897.

Quantity obtainable for a rupee.

Districts.	1897.				1896.			
	16th September.	30th September.	15th October.	31st October.	15th September.	30th September.	15th October.	31st October.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	S. CH.	S. CH.	S. CH.	S. CH.	S. CH.	S. CH.	S. CH.	S. CH.
COMMON RICE—								
Burdwan ...	8 8	9 11	9 12	9 12	12 0	12 0	12 0	12 0
Birbhum ...	8 4	9 0	9 6	9 12	12 0	12 0	11 4	11 4
Bankura ...	11 0	11 4	12 8	13 8	16 4	15 4	18 0	18 0
Midnapore ...	8 8	9 4 (old.)	9 4 (old.)	9 6 (old.)	16 0	15 0	11 0	11 0
Hooghly ...	7 8	11 0 (new aus.)	11 8 (new aus.)	11 0 (new aus.)	10 14	10 8	10 0	10 0
Howrah ...	7 10	7 8	8 2	8 2	12 5	12 4	12 0	12 0
24 Parganas ...	7 0	7 11	8 4	8 0	11 0	11 8	11 0	11 0
Calcutta ...	7 0	7 12	8 2	8 8	12 0	8 14	8 14	8 14
Nadia ...	8 0	8 10	9 1	10 0	11 7	12 0	11 0	11 0
Murshidabad ...	8 0 (old.)	8 8 (old.)	9 0 (old.)	10 0 (old.)	11 8	12 0	11 0	11 0
Jessore ...	10 0 (new aus.)	11 0 (new aus.)	11 0 (new aus.)	12 0 (new aus.)	11 0	11 10	11 0	11 0
Khulna ...	10 0	10 10	11 0	13 0	11 0	9 8	9 14	9 14
Rajshahi ...	6 0 (old.)	9 0	9 0	10 0	8 12	9 0	9 8	9 8
Dinajpur ...	9 12 (new aus.)	9 12 (old.)	9 0 (old.)	9 0 (old.)	9 11	9 0	9 8	9 8
Jalpaiguri ...	6 4 (old.)	7 3 (old.)	8 6 (old.)	8 6 (old.)	10 12	10 4	10 12	10 12
Darjeeling ...	8 1 (new aus.)	9 9 (new aus.)	9 9 (new aus.)	10 3 (new aus.)	10 0	10 0	10 0	10 0
Rangpur ...	8 0	8 8	8 8	8 0	10 0	9 0	8 0	8 0
Bogra* ...	6 6 (old.)	6 4	6 0	6 4	8 0	8 0	8 0	8 0
Pabna ...	7 8 (new aus.)	7 2 (old.)	7 2 (old.)	8 10 (old.)	9 12	9 0	9 0	9 0
Dacca ...	8 10	8 4 (new aus.)	8 10 (new aus.)	9 12 (new aus.)	9 7	9 7	10 8	10 8
Mymensingh ...	6 14	9 0	8 10	11 4	8 12	9 8	8 0	8 0
Faridpur ...	6 8	7 0	10 8	7 0	8 0	8 0	8 8	8 8
Backergunge ...	8 8	8 0	10 0	11 0	9 0	8 8	8 8	8 8
Tippera ...	7 2 (old.)	7 0 (old.)	7 0 (old.)	9 0 (old.)	8 14	8 14	8 14	8 14
Noakhali ...	9 4 (new aus.)	9 12 (new aus.)	9 12 (new aus.)	10 8 (new aus.)	10 2 (aus.)	9 12 (aus.)	8 0	8 0
Chittagong ...	6 10	6 10	6 10	7 4	7 4	8 0	11 0	11 0
Patna ...	9 0 (aus.)	9 0 (aus.)	10 8 (aus.)	11 8	10 8 (aus.)	9 0	9 8	9 8
Gaya ...	8 0	9 0	10 0	9 4	10 0	9 8	10 12	10 12
Shahabad ...	6 12	7 8	8 0	8 0	12 0	12 4	9 0	9 0
Saran ...	8 0	9 0	9 0	9 0	13 0	11 0	9 0	9 0
Champaran ...	8 4	9 8	9 8	10 0	11 0	10 12	10 0	10 0
Muzaffarpur* ...	9 0	10 0	11 0	11 0	12 0	11 0	10 0	10 0
Darbhanga ...	9 8	11 12	12 0	12 0	12 8	12 0	11 0	11 0
Monghyr ...	7 5½	7 9½	8 11½	8 10½	9 8	9 0	9 4	9 4
Bhagalpur ...	8 14	8 4	8 14	8 14	12 10	11 6	11 4	11 4
Purnea ...	9 0	9 0	11 11	11 11	11 0	11 0	10 0	10 0
Malda ...	9 0	8 8	8 8	10 9	10 8	10 8	...	...
Sonthal Parganas.	9 0	8 8	9 0	9 0	11 12	12 4	10 0	10 0
Cuttack ...	10 8	12 8	13 13	12 8	16 6	15 12	15 2	15 2
Balasore ...	11 8	12 0	12 8	14 8	16 0	16 0	16 0	16 0
Puri ...	10 0	10 8	10 8	11 19 (old.)	17 2	17 0	16 0	16 0
Hazaribagh ...	8 0	8 0	9 0	14 7 (new.)	11 0	11 8	9 0	9 0
Lohardaga ...	7 8	8 0	10 0	10 0	12 0	12 0	11 0	11 0
Palamanu ...	10 6	11 0	11 13	12 6	9 9	11 4	9 0	9 0
Manbhum ...	9 8	9 12	11 0	11 8	14 0	14 0	11 8	11 8
Singbhum ...	9 0	10 0	12 0	14 0	16 0	16 0	14 0	14 0

* Burma rice—

S. CH.
Rangoon ... 10 8
Muzaffarpur ... 10 0

Districts.	1897.				1896.			
	15th	30th	15th	31st	15th	30th	15th	31st
	September.	September.	October.	October.	September.	September.	October.	October.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	S. CH.	S. CH.	S. CH.	S. CH.	S. CH.	S. CH.	S. CH.	S. CH.
WHEAT—								
Patna ...	10 0	10 8	10 0	10 0	11 0 and 11 8	10 0 and 10 8	8 12 and 9 0	8 4
Gaya ...	8 4 8 12	8 12 9 0	8 12 9 8	8 8 9 0	10 9 10 8	9 0 9 0	8 8 8 0	8 0 8 0
Shahabad ...	9 4 and 9 8	9 4 and 9 8	10 0 and 9 8	9 8 and 9 8	11 0 and 10 8	10 12 and 8 8	8 8 and 8 8	8 8 and 8 8
Saran ...	8 12	8 8	8 8	8 0	11 8	10 0	8 12	9 0
Champanan ...	9 0	9 0	9 0	8 8	11 0	9 8	9 0	8 0
Muzaffarpur ...	7 8	7 8	8 0	8 0	10 0	9 0	8 0	8 0
Darbhanga ...	8 12½	9 8	9 7½	8 14½	10 8	9 0 to 9 8	9 0	8 4
Monghyr ...	8 14	8 14	9 8	9 8	10 11	9 7½	8 12	8 8
Bhagalpur ...	8 0	8 0	8 0	9 9	13 0	11 0	9 0	8 0
Purnea ...								
INDIAN-CORN OR MAIZE—								
Patna ...	16 0	15 0	15 8	15 8	17 8	16 0 to 17 8	15 0	12 0
Gaya ...	10 4	13 8	14 0	13 8	...	.....	12 8	11 2
Shahabad ...	11 8	.....	13 8	13 8 and 14 0	17 0	15 0	14 0	11 0 and 11 8
Saran ...	12 0	14 0	15 8	15 0	17 0	16 0	14 8	12 0
Champanan ...	13 8	20 0	18 0	17 0	17 8	2 8	16 0	14 4
Muzaffarpur ...	14 0	18 0	17 0	16 8	19 0	1 12	15 8	13 0
Darbhanga ...	14 0	14 0	13 0	15 0	20 0	1 0	15 0	11 8
Monghyr ...	12 9½	14 7	15 12	14 11½	19 0	1 0	14 8	13 0
Bhagalpur ...	14 0	15 2	15 2	15 2	17 10	16 2½	14 8	12 10
Purnea ...	13 0	13 0	10 4	...	16 0	16 0	16 0	...
Sonthal Parganas ...	21 0	23 0	16 0	18 0	29 0	24 0	18 0	13 8
Hazaribagh ...	16 0	13 8	15 0	13 12	15 0	18 0	12 0	11 0
Lohardaga ...	...	10 0	12 0	12 0	14 0	16 0	16 0	11 0
Palamau ...	15 12	20 4	18 9	16 14	20 4	20 4	13 8	12 6
Manbhum ...	17 0	14 0	14 0	16 8	32 0	.....	16 0	14 0
Singhbhum ...	15 0	.....	...	...	...	16 0	14 0	...

NORTH-WESTERN PROVINCES.

COMMON RICE—								
Jaunpur*	7 0	7 0	9 0	8 8	8 12	8 0	7 12	7 5
Gorakpur	7 3	10 6	9 14	11 4	10 13	9 14	8 9	9 0
Mirzapur	No return.	7 14	8 4	7 15	8 7	8 4	7 5	6 12
Benares	6 14	6 14	10 0	10 0	9 7½	8 15	8 13	7 13
Ghazipur	7 4	7 12	9 12	9 4	9 0	8 8	8 8	7 12
Ballia	6 8	7 0	8 8	7 8	10 8	10 0	10 0	8 0
WHEAT—								
Jaunpur	8 12	9 0	9 0	9 8	9 10	8 12	7 12	7 10
Gorakpur	8 2	8 0	8 2	8 9	9 14	8 8	7 3	7 3
Mirzapur	No return.	8 6	8 5	8 4	9 8	8 12	8 1	7 14
Benares	9 1	9 5	9 14	9 10	10 4½	9 12	8 3½	7 13
Ghazipur	8 4	8 4	9 4	9 0	9 0	9 0	8 8	7 8
Ballia	8 8	8 0	8 12	9 4	10 0	10 0	9 0	7 8

* Burma rice 9 seers.

ASSAM.

Prices of common rice for the week ending 28th October 1897:—

	Week of report.	Preceding week.	Corresponding week of 1896.
	S. CH.	S. CH.	S. CH.
CAOMAR—			
Janiganj Bazar	8 7½	7 6	7 4
Heilakandi	9 0	9 9	7 15
SYLHET—			
Kasi Bazar	10 0	8 0	7 4
Ohhatak Bazar	8 0	8 0	8 0
Sunamganj	7 0	7 0	7 0
Habiganj	8 0	8 0	8 0
Karimganj	9 8	9 8	8 0
Maulvi Bazar	11 0	10 10	9 8

WEATHER AND CROP REPORT.

For the week ending the 16th November 1897.

Bardwan.—No rain. Weather seasonable. Sowing of *rabi* continues. *Aman* paddy ripening. Fodder and water sufficient. Rice selling as follows:—

			Srs.	
Sadar	9½ to 11	} per rupee.
Kalna	...	...	8 to 10
Katwa	...	...	9 to 12
Raniganj	...	...	11½

Birbhum.—No rain. Weather slightly cloudy. Harvesting of early paddy going on. Price of rice at Sadar 11 seers and at Rampur Hat 10½ seers per rupee. Fodder sufficient.

Bankura.—Rainfall at Bankura 34. Weather cloudy at intervals. *Rabi* sowing nearly finished. Harvesting of *aman* paddy going on. Other crops doing well. Fodder sufficient. Price of common rice (new) at Bankura 15½ seers and at Vishnupur 15 seers per rupee.

Midnapore.—No rain. Prospects of paddy good. *Rabi* crops are being sown. Cattle-disease reported from Salbani police-station. Prices of common rice:—

			Srs.	
Sadar	9	} per rupee.
Contai	...	...	11 to 13
Tamluk	...	...	10
Ghatal	...	...	10 to 10½

Hooghly.—No rain. Prospects of winter rice good. *Rabi* sowing almost over. No cattle-disease.

Howrah.—Rainfall nil. Weather reasonable. Prospects of *aman* very good. Fodder and water sufficient. Common rice sells at 8 to 10 seers per rupee.

24-Parganas.—Rainfall nil. Weather cool in the morning and at night. Prospects of crops good. Sowing of *rabi* crops continues. No cattle-disease. Fodder and water sufficient. Common rice sells as follows:—

			Srs.	
Sadar	8 to 10	} per rupee.
Barasat	...	...	10
Basirhat	...	...	10½
Diamond Harbour	...	...	10

Nadia.—Rainfall nil. Condition of standing crops good. A little more rain wanted in Ranaghat subdivision. Fodder sufficient. Price of old rice varies from 8 to 9½ seers, and of new rice from 10 to 13 seers per rupee.

Murshidabad.—No rain. Weather seasonable. Prospects of *aman*, sugarcane, and mulberry favourable. *Kalai* doing well. Sowing of *rabi* crops going on. Fodder sufficient. No cattle-disease reported. Common rice sells as follows:—

			Srs.	
Sadar	...	...	10	} per rupee.
Jangipur	...	...	12	
Kandi	...	...	10½	

Jessore.—Weather—nights cloudy; days fine, clear, and cool. Rainfall at Jessore 58, Jhenida 08, Magura 32, Narail 22, Bangaon 26. The recent rainfall has done some good to the *rabi* crops. Condition of winter rice continues favourable. Harvesting of *aman* commenced in places. Fodder and water sufficient. Sporadic cases of cattle-disease reported from Magura and Bangaon. Common rice sells as follows:—

			Srs.	
Jessore	11 to 14	} per rupee.
Jhenida	...	...	10
Magura	...	...	10 to 11
Narail	...	...	11 srs. 6½ ch.
Bangaon	...	...	13

Khulna.—Rainfall nil. Weather seasonable. Cultivation of *rabi* crops going on. Prospects of *aman* excellent. Water and fodder available. Common rice sells as follows:—

	Srs.				
Sadar	10 to 10½	} per rupee.
Bagirhat	10	
Satkhira	10½	

Rajshahi.—Rainfall at Nugaon 75. Prospects of crops good. Sowing of *rabi* crops going on. Condition of cattle good except a few cases of cattle-pox in thana Baraigram. Fodder and water ample. Rice sells from 8 to 12 seers per rupee.

Dinajpur.—Rainfall nil. Weather cold. Condition of winter rice excellent. Preparation of land and sowing of *rabi* in progress. Fodder and water sufficient. Cattle-disease in Bangshihari. Price of rice—*bhadoi* 10½ seers and *haimanti* 8 seers per rupee.

Jalpaiguri.—Rainfall nil. Weather seasonable. Standing crops are in promising state. Sowing of *rabi* crops commenced. Fodder and water sufficient. Average price of common rice 8½ seers per rupee.

Bangpur.—No rain. Transplantation of tobacco and sowing of potatoes and *rabi* crops in progress. Prospects of winter crops good. Common rice selling at 6½ to 9 seers per rupee. Fodder and water sufficient.

Bogra.—Rainfall at Bogra 03, Sherper 25, Naukhila 47. Prospects of winter rice continue good. Fodder and water ample. Prices of common rice—*aman* 7 seers 14 chitaks, *aus* 9 seers 7 chitaks, and Burma rice 9 seers 10 chitaks per rupee.

Pabna.—Rainfall at Sirajganj 148. Weather partially cloudy and cool. Prospects of crops excellent. Price of common rice from 8½ to 10 seers per rupee. No cattle-disease.

Dacca.—Rainfall at Sadar and Munshiganj nil, Manikganj 185, Narainganj 08. Weather cloudy. Prospects of standing crops excellent. Some cases of small-pox among cattle reported from Sadar. Fodder available. Common rice 10 to 13 seers per rupee.

Mymensingh.—Rainfall at Sadar 30. Weather cool. Prospects of standing crops good. Common rice 8 to 10 seers per rupee.

Faridpur.—Rainfall at Madaripur 13. Weather cool. Prospects of crops good. Rice 9 to 12 seers per rupee.

Backergunge.—Rainfall at Sadar nil. Weather seasonable, but cloudy on some days. Prospects of crops good. Common rice sells from 7½ to 13 seers per rupee.

Tippera.—Rainfall nil. Weather alternately cloudy and bright. Reaping of winter crops commenced. Prospects of crops good except in Brahmanbaria subdivision, where they are reported to be fair. Fodder sufficient. Prices of common rice—

	Srs.				
Comilla	10	} per rupee.
Brahmanbaria	11½	
Chandpur	13½	

Noakhali.—Rainfall at Sadar 27, Feni nil. Prospects of standing crops good. Fodder and water sufficient. Prices of rice (*aman*) 8 to 9 seers and (*aus*) 12 to 16 seers per rupee.

Chittagong.—Rainfall 35. Weather variable. Prospects of crops not good. Drinking-water scarce in places. Fodder sufficient. Rice sells at 10½ seers per rupee.

Patna.—No rain. *Rabi* and poppy still being sown. Prospects of paddy and sugarcane continue excellent. Paddy is being reaped in places. Prices have risen in Patna and Barh, but fallen in Dinapore and Bihar. Common rice selling in Patna at 11½ seers per rupee. Fodder and water for cattle sufficient.

Gaya.—No rain. Prospects both of winter rice and *rabi* crops excellent. Price of Burma rice 12 seers and of country rice 9½ seers per rupee.

Shahabad.—No rain. Weather seasonable. Standing crops excellent. *Rabi* sowings continue; early sowings germinating. Cutting of paddy commenced. Cattle-disease reported from one village in Buxar. Fodder sufficient. Common rice selling from 9 to 11 seers per rupee.

Saran.—No rain. Weather seasonable. *Rabi* sowings nearly finished. Poppy sowings going on; germination excellent. Cutting of paddy commenced in places. Average prices are—common rice 12 seers, wheat 10 seers, barley 13½ seers, *makai* 14½ seers, gram 9½ seers, *arhar* 9½ seers, and *marua* 22 seers per rupee.

Champan.—No rain. *Rabi* and poppy sowings continue. Prospects good. Prices of rice, wheat, and barley fallen; those of other grains stationary. Common rice selling at 18½ seers, against normal 17½ seers, and maize at 18 seers. There remain 128 orphan children for support from Charitable Fund for the present.

Muzaffarpur.—Rainfall nil. Prospects of rice crop continue to be good. *Rabi* sowings in progress. Prices are—common rice 8 to 13 seers, Burma rice 10 seers, wheat $9\frac{1}{2}$ seers, barley $12\frac{1}{2}$ seers, *makai* 17 seers, *rahar* 10 seers, and *marua* 20 seers per rupee.

Darbhanga.—No rain. Prospects of standing crops good. *Rabi* germs coming up well at Samastipur. Fodder and water sufficient. Common rice sells at 12 seers per rupee at Sadar.

Monghyr.—No rain. Weather seasonable. Harvesting of winter paddy commenced. Sugarcane doing well. *Rabi* sowings going on. No cattle-disease. Common rice sells as follows:—

				Srs.	
Monghyr	...	...	...	$7\frac{1}{2}$ to $9\frac{1}{2}$	} per rupee.
Begusarai	...	...	...	7 to $10\frac{1}{2}$	
Jamui	...	...	...	$8\frac{1}{2}$	

Bhagalpur.—Weather seasonable. *Rabi* sowings going on. Harvesting of winter paddy has commenced. A very good crop is expected. Coarse rice (old) sells at $10\frac{1}{2}$ seers per rupee at Sadar. New rice is coming to the market and sells at $12\frac{1}{2}$ seers per rupee. Fodder and water sufficient. Cattle-disease continues throughout the district.

Malda.—Weather seasonable. Sowing of *rabi* crops continues. Prospects of winter rice very good; 18 annas outturn is expected. Common rice selling at $11\frac{1}{2}$ seers per rupee.

Sonthal Parganas.—No rain. Weather cold and latterly cloudy. Harvesting of *dhan* (paddy) going on; prospects excellent. Standing *rabi* doing well. Price of rice 8 to 16 seers and of maize 15 to 24 seers per rupee.

Cuttack.—Rainfall at Sadar 2.24, Jaypur 4.1, Kendrapara 1.80, Banki 1.89, False Point 4.18. Weather cloudy and rainy during the week; now fine. *Laghu sarad* being reaped. *Guru sarad* in ear and ripening in places. *Rabi* doing well. Condition of cattle good. Fodder sufficient. Common rice sells as follows:—

				Srs. c.	
Cuttack	13 2	} per rupee.
Jaypur	...	...	...	17 1
Kendrapara	...	...	...	17 1
Banki	...	...	...	17 0

Balasore.—Rainfall 3.4 at Sadar. *Rabi* crops benefited by the rain. Harvesting of *beak* continues. *Sarad* in ear and ripening in places. *Rabi* crops being sown. Sugarcane growing well. Price of rice varies from 13 to 20 seers per rupee in the interior. Rice sells at $14\frac{1}{2}$ and 18 seers per rupee at Balasore and Bhadrak respectively. Fodder and water sufficient.

Angul.—Rainfall at Angul 1.18. Harvesting of paddy in progress. New rice sells at 24 seers per rupee at Angul and 18 seers at Khondmals.

Puri.—Rainfall at Puri 6.93, Khurda 1.78. *Laghu* being harvested. *Sarad* in ear. Common rice sells as follows:—

		OLD RICE.		NEW RICE.	
		Srs.	c.	Srs.	c.
Puri	10 8	...	14 7
Khurda	11 13	...	.....
Interior	$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 10 8 \\ \text{to} \\ 11 13 \end{array} \right.$	...	$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 14 7 \\ \text{to} \\ 19 11 \end{array} \right.$

Hazaribagh.—Weather seasonable. Rainfall at Sadar 1.4. Sixteen annas' crop reported from all thanas. *Rabi* being sown. Rice 13 seers per rupee.

Lohardaga.—Rainfall 2.9. Harvesting of *dane dhan* commenced. State of standing crops good. Rice sells at Ranchi 15 seers and in the interior from 12 to 24 seers per rupee. Health of cattle good. Fodder and water sufficient. Grain in stock sufficient.

Palamanu.—Rainfall nil. Weather seasonable. Standing crops doing well. No cattle-disease. Prices are—coarse rice 9 to 16 seers, *makai* 12 to 25 seers, and *marua* $13\frac{1}{2}$ to 16 seers per rupee.

Manbhum.—Rainfall at Sadar 19, Gobindpur nil. Weather sometimes cloudy. Prospects of crops on the ground excellent. Paddy being out. No cattle-disease reported. Fodder and water sufficient. Average prices of common rice:—

Sadar	...	{ New rice 16 seers	
		{ Old " 10 "	
Gobindpur	..	{ New " 15 "	
		{ Old " 9½ "	
Supply sufficient.			} per rupee.

General Summary.—There was general, and in some parts heavy, rain in Orissa during the week. Showers are also reported from places in Central and Eastern Bengal and Chota Nagpur. The sowing of the *rabi* and other cold-weather crops is proceeding well. In Bihar the sowing of poppy is also making good progress. Reports of the winter rice crop continue favourable from all districts except Chittagong, where, as previously reported, this crop was severely injured by the late cyclone. The harvesting of the earlier kinds of winter rice has begun in some districts. Sugarcane generally promises well. The price of common rice is reported to have fallen in many districts during the week. Cattle are in good condition, the fodder-supply being everywhere sufficient.

By order of the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal,

REVENUE DEPARTMENT,

M. FINUCANE,

The 16th November 1897.

Secretary to the Govt. of Bengal.

Metacological Report of the Province of

METEOROLOGICAL DIVISION.	STATION OBSERVATIONS.														
	DIVISION.	DISTRICT.	Representative stations.	AIR PRESSURE.					WIND.		TEMPERATURE.				
				Highest, 8 A.M., barometer reading.	Lowest, 8 A.M., barometer reading.	Mean, 8 A.M., reduced to 32°.	Mean reduced to sea-level and constant gravity, Lat. 40°.	Variation from normal mean.	Mean direction at 8 A.M.	Mean velocity in miles daily.	Highest of month.	Lowest of month.	Mean daily maximum temperature.	Mean daily minimum temperature.	Mean daily temperature.
SOUTH-WEST BENGAL.	Burdwan ...	Burdwan ...	Burdwan ...	29.609	29.600	29.778	29.624	-.007	N70°E	81	92.0	64.8	88.6	75.5	82.0
			Raniganj ...	29.711	29.337	29.530	29.687	?	N5°W	60	98.2	60.1	87.3	73.6	80.0
		Birbhum ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Bankura ...	Bankura ...	29.723	29.638	29.547	29.700	?	S65°W	60	92.6	61.7	87.6	73.6	80.6
		Midnapore ...	Midnapore ...	29.680	29.496	29.709	29.604	-.039	N30°E	35	93.3	60.7	88.3	73.7	81.1
		Hoochly ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Presidency ...	Howrah ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		24 Parganas ...	Sankar Island ...	29.692	29.686	29.635	29.784	-.067	N6°E	233	90.4	66.0	86.6	77.0	81.9
		Calcutta ...	Calcutta ...	29.018	29.661	29.646	29.816	-.042	N16°E	74	90.4	63.2	86.0	75.1	80.6
		Nadia ...	Krishnagar ...	29.691	29.679	29.638	29.637	?	N3°W	84	98.6	61.7	89.0	74.4	81.7
		Murshidabad ...	Baghampore ...	29.648	29.647	29.603	29.820	-.048	S64°E	28	98.2	64.3	87.4	75.1	81.4
		Jessore ...	Jessore ...	29.690	29.717	29.647	29.637	-.033	S5°W	30	91.0	67.3	88.4	76.3	82.4
NORTH BENGAL.	Rajshahi ...	Khulna ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Rajshahi ...	Rampur Boalia ...	29.664	29.677	29.603	29.834	-.031	N16°E	61	92.1	66.1	87.6	76.1	81.4
		Uttarpara ...	Dinajpur ...	29.704	29.629	29.767	29.636	-.027	N21°W	104	91.6	64.6	87.9	73.8	80.9
		Jalpaiguri ...	Jalpaiguri ...	29.748	29.480	29.597	29.844	-.038	N37°E	43	90.4	64.6	86.6	73.7	79.8
		Darjeeling ...	Darjeeling ...	23.127	23.033	23.046	—	-.008	N76°E	86	67.1	44.8	61.6	51.4	56.6
		Cooch Behar ...	Cooch Behar ...	29.660	29.663	29.736	29.853	—	S77°E	36	91.1	67.6	87.1	74.0	80.6
	Dacca ...	Rangpur ...	Rangpur ...	29.686	29.638	29.761	29.640	-.034	?	?	91.3	66.2	87.4	75.0	81.3
		Bohara ...	Bohara ...	29.648	29.604	29.613	29.837	?	?	?	90.2	67.5	87.8	75.3	81.4
		Patna ...	Sirajganj ...	29.661	29.700	29.633	29.821	-.040	?	?	90.3	61.6	85.6	75.0	80.6
		Dacca ...	Narayanganj ...	29.663	29.700	29.650	29.815	-.030	S16°E	103	91.1	72.2	88.2	77.9	83.0
		Mymensingh ...	Mymensingh ...	29.644	29.669	29.633	29.834	-.021	S63°E	?	90.7	60.6	87.1	76.1	81.6
		Faridpur ...	Faridpur ...	29.667	29.763	29.633	29.836	-.039	N10°W	26	91.3	67.9	87.3	75.9	81.6
EAST BENGAL.	Chittagong ...	Backergunge ...	Barisal ...	29.669	29.661	29.632	29.810	-.035	N63°E	64	91.6	?	87.6	?	—
		Tippere ...	Cumilla ...	29.664	29.663	29.644	29.838	?	N60°E	80	92.3	67.8	88.6	75.1	81.6
		Noakhali ...	Noakhali ...	29.618	29.653	29.630	29.810	?	N45°E	74	90.5	68.8	86.7	74.1	81.4
		Chittagong ...	Chittagong ...	29.614	29.663	29.708	29.832	-.031	N46°E	72	90.3	74.6	88.1	75.3	82.3
		South Lushai Hills ...	Lungleh ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	76.0	65.7	70.9
		Patna ...	Bankipore ...	29.662	29.648	29.665	29.833	-.043	S10°W	69	92.5	68.8	89.3	75.7	79.4
	Patna ...	Gaya ...	Gaya ...	29.668	29.176	29.491	29.835	-.042	S9°W	96	98.9	61.7	89.9	71.4	80.3
		Shahabad ...	Dehri ...	29.661	29.143	29.506	29.817	-.051	S27°W	138	95.3	60.1	87.0	71.5	79.3
		Shahabad ...	Buxar ...	29.665	29.256	29.667	29.823	-.012	S81°W	100	98.0	59.9	86.9	71.3	79.1
		Patna ...	Arrah ...	29.666	29.206	29.663	29.828	?	S8°W	46	94.4	60.6	87.6	71.6	79.6
		Champanan ...	Chapra ...	29.660	29.519	29.668	29.836	?	S14°W	65	93.3	63.1	89.6	73.4	79.3
		Munshampur ...	Motihari ...	29.666	29.567	29.636	29.824	—	N31°E	94	98.0	67.9	85.3	69.8	77.0
ORISSA.	Bhagalpur ...	Munshampur ...	Munshampur ...	29.661	29.383	29.661	29.816	—	N66°W	69	92.7	60.3	85.5	71.6	76.6
		Darbhanga ...	Darbhanga ...	29.664	29.476	29.700	29.833	-.043	S46°W	71	92.0	64.4	85.4	73.4	79.4
		Monghyr ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Bhagalpur ...	Bhagalpur ...	29.676	29.505	29.711	29.826	-.039	N46°W	43	92.3	60.3	87.3	73.9	80.1
		Purnea ...	Purnea ...	29.611	29.600	29.756	29.837	-.030	N46°E	80	92.2	64.3	86.6	73.8	80.2
		Malda ...	Malda ...	29.654	29.638	29.792	29.816	?	S5°W	28	92.6	63.0	88.1	73.6	80.9
	Orissa ...	Sonthal Parganas ...	Naya Dumka ...	29.643	29.166	29.376	29.830	-.030	N63°E	37	91.0	69.0	86.6	71.8	79.2
		Cuttack ...	Cuttack ...	29.669	29.449	29.766	29.793	-.060	N23°W	71	93.4	63.7	86.1	74.5	81.0
		False Point ...	False Point ...	29.664	29.666	29.666	29.798	-.051	N63°W	176	91.5	63.0	87.1	74.9	81.0
		Balasore ...	Balasore ...	29.005	29.531	29.614	29.608	-.039	N37°W	53	93.4	60.0	87.3	73.6	80.0
CHOTA NAGPUR.	Orissa ...	Short's Island ...	Short's Island ...	29.017	29.534	29.625	—	—	N14°W	244	92.2	72.6	87.7	70.6	83.5
		Puri ...	Puri ...	29.028	29.625	29.635	29.798	—	N10°W	163	94.7	67.6	89.8	76.6	82.6
		Gopalpur ...	Gopalpur ...	29.026	29.416	29.639	29.790	—	N22°W	?	94.3	62.1	87.0	73.1	80.1
		Hazaribagh ...	Hazaribagh ...	29.001	27.609	27.661	29.637	-.046	N50°W	191	96.3	67.7	81.7	67.3	74.4
		Lohardaga ...	Ranchi ...	27.594	27.485	27.743	29.637	-.038	N14°W	145	96.3	66.0	81.2	66.9	74.1
		Palamanu ...	Daltonganj ...	29.533	28.586	29.147	29.646	—	S15°W	47	92.1	64.0	86.0	68.0	77.5
	Chota Nagpur.	Manbhum ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Singbhum ...	Chaibasa ...	29.277	28.776	29.002	29.811	?	S65°W	25	92.4	67.6	85.0	71.7	79.7
		Sibsonar ...	Sibsonar ...	29.725	29.412	29.576	29.879	-.002	S77°E	54	90.2	63.0	85.4	73.4	79.4
		Goalpara ...	Dhubri ...	29.028	29.634	29.780	29.851	-.036	S79°E	116	95.2	70.3	84.5	75.8	80.4
ASIA.	Chota Nagpur.	Onchar ...	Silchar ...	29.615	29.630	29.716	29.652	-.018	Calm	74	95.0	69.3	90.7	75.0	82.9

a Mean of 30 days.

b Mean of 30 days.

c Mean of 30 days.

d Mean of 23 days.

Bengal for the month of October 1897.

DISTRICT OBSERVATIONS.																DISTRICT.
HUMIDITY.		CLOUD.		Rain-fall.	RAINFALL—											
Mean, 8 A.M.	Variation from normal mean.	Mean cloud amount, 8 A.M.	Variation from normal mean, 8 A.M.		Of month.					Since 10th October 1897.						
					Mean of district.	Normal mean.	Variation from mean.	Number of rainy days.	Normal mean number of rainy days.	Mean of district.	Normal mean.	Variation.	Mean number of rainy days.	Normal mean number of rainy days.		
35	+4	5.6	+1.3	0.30	6.09	3.29	+2.80	8.00	4.30	2.48	1.31	+1.17	3.80	1.42	Durdwan.	
38	—	4.4	—	7.30	6.12	3.33	+4.79	8.73	4.42	3.35	1.19	+2.16	4.75	1.33		Birbhum.
1	—	4.0	—	4.77	6.67	3.10	+3.41	8.70	4.23	2.55	1.21	+1.34	4.20	1.45	Bankura.	
2	—	3.6	—	7.09	6.27	4.43	+1.84	9.50	5.11	3.11	1.95	+1.16	5.00	1.62	Midnapore.	
					6.09	4.11	+1.98	9.33	5.38	2.54	1.53	+1.31	4.33	1.73	Hoochly.	
					9.40	3.75	+5.71	9.00	5.42	3.68	1.42	+2.24	3.50	1.73	Howrah.	
	—2	6.8	+5	14.81	8.60	5.26	+3.32	9.71	5.95	3.41	2.27	+1.14	3.71	1.96	24-Parganas.	
	+2	4.9	0	8.61	8.61	4.39	+4.22	10.00	6.04	3.83	1.91	+1.92	3.00	1.90	Calcutta.	
	—	4.9	—	3.51	7.28	4.12	+3.16	9.80	5.17	3.67	1.62	+2.05	3.80	1.71	Nadia.	
	+5	5.4	+0.6	6.21		3.68			4.70		1.38			1.40	Murshidabad.	
	0	5.8	+0.6	7.00	5.06	4.34	+1.62	9.60	5.38	2.62	1.07	+0.65	4.00	1.93	Jessore.	
					7.08	4.94	+3.04	9.00	5.72	2.05	2.19	—0.13	4.33	1.98	Khulna.	
	—	4.3	—	4.90	6.14	3.40	+2.68	8.20	4.35	2.05	1.12	+0.93	4.20	1.30	Rajahmali.	
		4.5		8.61	6.26	3.70	+2.56	6.80	3.87	0.63	1.05	—0.45	2.60	1.31	Dinajpur.	
		1.5		5.13	4.71	4.42	+0.29	5.75	4.15	0.33	1.41	—1.10	1.30	1.50	Jalpaiguri.	
	+17	6.7	+0.8	13.03	9.69	6.16	+3.43	9.30	5.89	0.92	2.39	—1.47	3.00	1.56	Darjeeling.	
	—	(b) 4.0	—	6.51	5.98	5.43	+0.49	6.25	4.62	0.72	1.71	—0.99	2.00	1.60	Cooch Behar.	
	—	4.6	—	8.35	9.26	4.70	+4.56	7.00	3.79	1.65	1.44	+0.21	2.60	1.12	Rangpur.	
	—	3.8	—	8.11	6.90	4.24	+2.66	8.00	4.63	2.47	1.58	+0.91	3.00	1.13	Bogra.	
	—	2.8	—	8.70	8.13	4.14	+3.99	9.00	5.19	3.20	1.62	+1.58	4.00	1.89	Falna.	
	+3	6.1	+1.8	6.04	5.70	4.22	+1.48	8.60	5.63	1.99	1.82	+0.17	3.20	1.90	Dacca.	
	—	(c) 5.2	—	3.88	7.02	5.05	+1.97	7.63	4.91	2.66	1.73	+0.93	2.68	1.92	Mymensingh.	
	—	4.1	—	4.14	4.39	4.31	+0.08	7.66	5.49	1.72	1.74	—0.02	3.00	2.00	Faridpur.	
	—	(d) 5.0	—	11.16	9.93	5.93	+4.00	9.17	6.45	2.37	2.31	+0.03	4.33	2.12	Backergunge.	
	—	4.7	—	1.80		4.60			6.10		2.15			2.13	Tippera.	
	—	3.6	—	5.97	5.80	7.73	—1.93	8.25	7.13	2.37	2.95	—0.58	2.75	2.22	Noakhali.	
	+2	(e) 6.8	+1.7	13.21	10.23	6.74	+3.49	7.20	6.09	7.28	3.10	+4.18	3.20	2.65	Chittagong.	
	—		—	11.90	11.03	6.64	+4.49	7.00	6.58	8.58	2.18	+6.70	3.00	2.71	South Hills.	
	+4	4.1	+0.5	7.13	4.95	2.95	+2.90	8.00	3.15	3.25	1.08	+2.18	4.50	1.00	Patna.	
	+6	4.9	+1.2	6.79	6.39	2.31	+4.08	7.89	2.68	4.07	0.72	+3.35	3.67	1.01	Gaya.	
	—	3.6	—	4.24											Shahabad.	
	—	3.9	—	4.20	5.13	3.87	+2.26	6.33	2.75	2.39	1.65	+1.25	3.33	1.00		
	—	3.3	—	4.48											Saran.	
	—	4.1	—	4.32	5.35	3.49	+1.86	7.00	2.74	1.80	0.98	+0.82	3.33	0.62		
	—	1.6	—	6.73	9.60	3.31	+0.29	6.75	2.52	0.92	0.60	+0.96	2.50	0.60	Champaran.	
	—	3.2	—	12.28		2.64			2.42		0.63			0.71	Muzaffarpur.	
	—1	3.6	+0.4	7.19		2.10			2.43		0.67			0.70	Darbhanga.	
					6.51	2.36	+1.15	6.80	2.66	4.36	0.76	+3.80	4.20	0.90	Monghyr.	
	—	5.1	—	7.59	8.08	2.59	+5.49	8.67	3.04	3.43	0.90	+2.53	4.17	0.89	Bhangaipur.	
	+3	(a) 4.7	+1.2	10.41	9.25	3.08	+6.17	7.00	3.17	1.24	1.00	+0.24	3.20	0.82	Purnea.	
	—	2.5	—	6.90	7.89	3.45	+4.24	6.75	3.81	1.69	1.15	+0.54	2.75	0.61	Maida.	
	—	5.9	—	8.34		3.57			4.16		1.14			1.10	Southal Parganas.	
	+4	6.6	+0.6	6.03	8.02	5.85	+3.07	10.12	6.75	2.83	2.76	+0.07	4.00	2.08	Outtock.	
	—2	5.6	+0.6	10.59											Balasore.	
	—	4.1	—	14.24	13.71	5.89	+8.62	11.00	5.70	6.85	1.95	+4.90	+0.14	2.29		
	—	5.1	—	12.08											Shore's Island.	
	—	4.0	—	5.17	9.80	6.91	+2.89	10.20	7.99	3.46	3.71	—0.26	4.00	3.00		
	—	4.0	—	13.13											Puri.	
	+5	6.5	+2.5	5.49		3.37			4.31		1.13			1.02	Hazaribagh.	
	—	6.4	—	5.62	5.16	2.42	+2.74	8.33	3.72	3.05	0.98	+2.07	5.33	1.42	Lohardaga.	
	—	2.5	—	6.84	8.23	3.78	+5.75	7.25	2.91	4.93	1.10	+3.52	4.25	1.41	Palamu.	
	—					2.62			8.01	3.25	0.66	+2.39	4.33	1.30	Manbham.	
	—	4.2	—	2.62	3.78	2.97	+0.81	6.75	4.32	1.80	1.19	+0.62	3.50	1.70	Singbham.	
	+4	8.1	+1.1	13.40											Sibesar.	
	—3	(b) 5.9	+3.2	5.84											Dhubi.	
	0	7.2	+1.6	2.67											Cocher.	

Table of Rainfall recorded at stations

Station.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Burdwan																				
Kalna	0.39	...	1.43	1.77	0.29	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1.30	0.30	0.00	0.18	1.24
Burdwan	0.04	1.44	0.21	1.15	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.13	2.78	0.08	...	0.27
Katwa	0.20	0.45	0.10	1.83	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.04	0.05	...	...	0.02
Raniganj	0.04	0.53	0.54	0.86	...	...	...	1.58	...	...	...	...	...	0.33	2.42	0.12	0.05	0.05
Mankur	1.10	0.70	1.20	1.40	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.59	...	...	0.06
Birbhum	0.23	1.20	2.00	0.14	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.64	1.38	...	0.06
Suri	0.10	0.75	3.70	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.61	0.60	...	1.80
H-tampur	0.64	0.50	4.08	0.42	...	...	...	...	0.02	...	...	...	...	...	0.38	1.15	...	0.11
Rampur Hat	0.17	0.89	1.85	0.07	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.94	0.90	0.84	0.02
Bolpur	0.16	0.27	1.05	2.35	0.21	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.20	2.00	...	0.02
Murari	0.33	0.64	0.67	0.30	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.54	2.00	...	0.02
Lahpur	0.35	0.86	0.59	0.12	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.17	2.33	0.05	0.06
Bankura	1.13	1.18	2.27	0.34	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.07	0.76	0.02	0.04
Halkura	0.71	0.60	1.17	0.33	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1.22	0.15	0.10	0.02
Vishnupur	0.12	0.21	1.30	0.43	0.04	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.50	1.33	0.35	0.09
Malihra	0.07	0.31	2.37	0.69	0.74	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1.10	0.07	0.04	0.02
Khatra	1.02	1.00	0.25	0.03	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.15	0.20	...	0.16
Indas	1.20	0.80	0.40	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.40	0.62	...	0.12
Kotalpur	0.57	0.50	0.55	0.03	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2.17	0.05	...	0.02
Onia	0.28	2.09	0.00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2.45	0.30	0.10	0.25
Gangaighati	1.71	0.52	2.07	0.11	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1.50	...	0.30	0.07
Rampur	0.03	1.82	0.01	0.05	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.62	3.93	0.50	0.02
Sonamukhi	0.12	1.22	1.82	0.01	0.05	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.26	1.91	0.08	0.02
Contai	0.03	1.94	0.44	0.32	0.02	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.06	0.80	0.50	0.79
Tamluk	0.17	0.54	1.42	1.21	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.06	0.80	0.70	1.60
Midnapore	0.30	0.52	0.52	0.30	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.54	0.80	0.59	0.55
Ghatol	0.18	0.15	1.38	0.81	0.00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.20	0.80	0.10	1.25
Kukurhaty	1.50	0.49	0.03	0.07	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.71	0.24	0.03	0.02
Garhbeta	0.06	3.20	2.65	0.45
Panskura	0.15	0.03	0.78	1.91	0.51	0.15	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.02	2.12	0.37	0.02
Dantanoo	0.37	0.21	0.71	1.05	0.85	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.31	0.05	0.79	0.02
Serampore	0.20	0.10	0.35	1.33	0.92	0.10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.08	1.00	1.30	0.21
Hooghly	1.10	...	0.41	1.13	0.46	0.95	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.75	1.84	...	0.02
Hookhly	0.33	1.50	0.04	0.22	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.08	1.00	1.30	0.21
Jahansbad	0.55	1.30	1.50	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.75	1.84	...	0.02
Howrah	0.06	...	3.25	2.05	0.53	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.53	1.07	0.87	1.21
Moheswara	0.14	0.10	1.04	1.40	0.45	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.37	1.70	0.14	0.22
Ulubaria	0.05	0.55	4.80	0.28	0.30	0.75	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.34	2.54	1.02	0.03
Saugor Island	0.36	2.20	1.40	0.60	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.48	1.50	...	0.02
Diamond Harbour
Canning Town	0.10	2.35	1.16	0.31	0.00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.15	1.88	0.15	0.02
Alipore (Observatory)	0.03	0.01	0.75	1.69	1.24	...	0.17	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.39	1.77	1.04	...
Barrackpore	0.61	0.55	0.32	1.21	0.91	0.22	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.09	1.80	0.45	...
Dum Dum	0.14	...	0.79	1.10	1.32	0.61	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.35	1.32	1.67	...
Barasat	1.52	...	0.52	1.45	0.13	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.40	0.04	...	...
Barisal	1.90	...	3.32	0.30	...	1.56	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.40	0.04	...	...
Nadia	1.56	...	0.30	1.25	0.08	0.00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.02	...	0.54	...
Kankhat	0.13	0.75	0.02	1.30	0.01	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.29	0.28	...	...
Krishnagar	0.40	...	0.30	0.33	0.30	2.29	...	0.12	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.07	1.34	4.14	...
Chandanga	0.18	...	0.26	0.31	0.02	0.48	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.15	0.84	2.13	...
Meherpur	0.02	...	0.04	0.35	0.23	0.04	...	0.23	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.12	1.11	0.37	...
Murshidabad	0.30	...	0.50	0.73	0.00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.03	0.60	2.22	...
Kandi	0.68	0.41	0.78	0.81	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.03	0.60	2.22	...
Berhampore	0.72	...	0.08	0.50	0.73	0.00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.03	0.60	2.22	...
Lalbahar	0.61	1.00	1.00	0.80	0.40	...	...	0.40	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.05	0.50	...	...
Azimganj	0.08	0.80	0.52	0.72	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.74	0.76	...	...
Jangipur	0.38	1.64	0.58	0.15	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.30	0.57	1.65	...
Lalgola	1.00	0.50	1.00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3.00	...	...
Akriganj	0.59	...	0.31	0.57	0.49	0.02	0.30	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.47	0.78	...	...
Patkatori
Dumkal	0.97	0.96	0.16	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.05	0.70	...	...
Narail	0.49	0.44	1.03	0.60	0.68	0.03	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1.45	0.40	...	...
Jessore	0.70	0.15	0.92	0.59	0.03	0.70	...	0.78	...	...	...	...	...	...	1.33	0.65	...	...
Jhenidah	1.13	0.00	0.36	0.22	0.50	0.20	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.08	0.87	...	...
Makura	0.06	0.45	0.30	...	1.80	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.57	0.10	...	...
Khulna	0.29	...	0.58	0.72	0.06	0.53	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.61	0.84	...	...
Satkhira	0.22	...	1.65	1.36	0.75	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.08	0.11	0.25	...
Bagerhat	2.58	0.10	4.20	0.40	0.48	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1.32	...	...	...
Khulna	1.44	...	2.92	0.59	0.19	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.85	0.17	...	...
Kaliganj	0.15	4.76	1.00	0.55	0.32	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.07	...	...	...
Nakipur	0.44	0.50	6.60	4.27	...	1.18	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1.45	...	0.27	...
Dumuria	0.35	0.35	1.47	0.96	0.16	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2.70	0.25	...	...
Rampal	4.55	3.94	1.60	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1.15	0.60	1.50	0.07
Kalaroa	0.38	...	1.26	1.41	0.22	1.86	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.00	0.50	...	...
Rajshahi	0.05	...	0.05	1.31	0.34	0.04	0.06	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.30	0.35	1.03	...
Batis	0.59	1.50	1.22	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.30	0.40	0.48	...
Nator	0.57	0.39	0.08	1.80	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.20	...	...
Nangson	0.22	0.22	5.00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.24	0.55	0.25	...
Lalpur
Manda	0.24	0.27	1.13	2.19	1.20	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.50	0.15	...
Unajpur	0.03	2.15	0.34	0.74	1.71	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.36	0.11	...	...
Churaman	0.64	2.46	0.68	2.10	0.01	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.29	0.34	...
Ranganj	0.61	2.67	0.05	1.41	0.37	0.36	...
Dinajpur	0.92	0.52	3.02	3.28	0.24	0.24	0.11
Balooghahat	0.59															

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Table of Rainfall recorded at Stations.

Met. No. 1000. EAST BENGAL. CHITTAGONG. Patna. Barisal.

Division.	District.	Station.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19		
Dacca.	Dacca	Munshiganj	1.25	0.58	0.85	0.07	0.72	...	...	...	...	0.22	...	...	...	...	...	0.57	...	...	0.21	
		Dacca	...	0.04	0.90	0.03	0.88	0.11	0.73	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.06	...	...	0.21	
		Narainkanj	0.22	0.80	1.14	0.07	1.74	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.03	...	...	0.75	0.04	...	0.21	
		Manikganj	...	0.19	0.74	0.31	0.80	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.85	0.09	0.14	0.21	
		Jaydehpur	...	1.25	0.90	0.15	0.70	0.05	0.25	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.90	0.00	...	0.21	
	Mymensingh	Kishoreganj	...	...	0.49	...	0.48	0.04	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1.00	0.00	...	1.00	
		Atta (Tangail)	...	0.90	0.23	0.07	0.46	0.04	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.40	0.16	...	0.04	0.16	...	1.00	
		Mymensingh	...	...	0.35	0.00	0.30	0.03	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1.23	1.15	...	1.00	
		Jamalpur	...	0.04	0.45	3.45	3.05	0.15	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.23	0.58	...	0.00	
		Netrokona	0.03	...	1.18	0.30	0.98	1.34	0.33	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1.42	0.04	...	0.00	
Faridpur	Subarnachal	0.63	0.60	0.77	0.55	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.00	0.78	...	0.21	
	Durgapur	0.20	0.10	2.60	1.05	1.04	...	...	...	...	...	1.08	...	...	...	...	...	1.00	...	...	0.21	
	Sherpur Town	...	...	0.50	1.90	0.20	0.20	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2.10	...	...	0.21	
	Diwanganj	...	...	0.61	1.14	4.28	0.41	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.44	...	0.21	
	Faridpur	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1.32	...	...	0.21	
Chittagong.	Backergunge	Madaripur	...	...	1.73	1.00	0.02	0.30	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.50	0.04	...	0.21	
		Faridpur	...	0.20	0.78	0.27	1.72	...	0.08	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.23	...	...	0.21	
		Goswami	...	...	0.20	0.40	...	0.28	0.22	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.30	0.30	0.06	0.21	
		Patnakhali	2.00	0.40	5.70	1.15	0.27	0.03	0.30	...	0.09	...	...	...	...	...	...	1.22	0.40	...	0.21	
		Proppur	3.15	0.18	2.60	0.70	0.04	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.88	0.00	...	0.21	
	Hill Tippera	Barisal	0.38	...	4.08	2.43	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1.84	...	...	0.21
		Gaunadi	...	...	2.32	0.90	0.08	...	0.06	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.78	...	...	0.21
		Ichola	1.00	0.04	4.84	0.40	0.23	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.10	...	...	0.21
		Daulatkhali	...	...	2.23	2.00	0.37	0.15	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.29	...	...	0.21
		Bauphal	0.33	1.30	4.20	2.32	0.35	0.21	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.48	...	1.52	0.21
Chittagong.	Tippera	Agartala	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.10	0.15	0.25	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.21	
		Comilla	0.12	0.02	0.35	...	0.13	0.07	...	...	...	...	0.14	...	...	...	...	...	0.05	...	...	0.21
		Chandpur	0.38	0.03	1.53	0.24	0.62	0.17	...	...	...	...	0.05	...	...	...	...	...	0.10	1.05	0.01	0.21
		Brahmanbaria	...	0.04	0.63	0.01	...	0.16	0.08	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.85	0.23	...	0.21
		Ramchandrapur	1.50	1.40	0.30	...	...	2.30	...	1.10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.21
	Noakhali	Nasirganj	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.21
		Bandkandi	1.85	2.43	...	...	...	...	1.00	0.40	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.30	...	...	0.21
		Kasba	0.05	...	...	0.63	0.18	0.02	0.09	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.39	0.05	...	0.21
		Laksmi	...	1.10	0.12	0.25	0.30	0.43	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.06	0.07	...	0.21
		Noakhali	...	...	1.35	0.15	0.38	0.72	...	0.11	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.02	...	...	0.21
Chittagong.	Chittagong	Penny	...	0.26	1.11	0.10	0.16	0.12	0.05	0.14	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.52	...	0.02	0.21
		Harishpur	...	...	1.03	0.24	0.51	0.26	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.20	...	1.03	0.21
		Ramganj	...	0.08	3.40	1.57	1.53	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.06	...	...	0.21
		Cox's Bazar	...	...	1.30	1.24	0.32	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.51	0.38	...	0.21
		Chittagong	0.11	0.09	0.05	0.09	0.02	...	0.03	...	...	1.40	0.34	...	...	...	...	...	0.03	0.46	...	0.21
	South Lushai Hills.	Kutubdia	...	...	0.29	1.01	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.10	...	...	0.21
		Satkanya	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.21
		Kodala	...	0.40	...	...	0.25	0.08	1.40	...	1.14	1.56	...	0.02	...	...	...	0.14	0.05	...	0.21	
		Penoa	...	...	0.13	0.00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.23	...	0.05	0.21
		Mirzapur	...	...	0.38	0.25	...	0.07	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.06	...	...	0.21
Chittagong.	Patna	Chandpur	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.21	
		Rangmatia	...	0.06	...	...	0.46	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.21
		Bandarban	0.57	0.17	0.03	0.05	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.75	0.02	...	0.21
		Demagiri	...	0.48	...	...	...	0.26	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.24	...	0.11	0.21
		Patna	...	...	...	0.26	0.08	1.27	0.04	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.26	...	0.05	0.21
	Gaya	Dimapore	0.37	0.62	0.54	0.12	0.03	1.20	0.16	...	0.21
		Bihar	0.06	...	0.62	0.18	0.28	0.22	0.72	0.21
		Burh	...	0.11	...	0.24	0.41	0.26	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1.22	0.61	0.61	0.21
		Bokram	...	0.11	...	0.30	0.80	0.50	0.10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.30	0.08	1.00	0.21
		Hilka	...	...	...	0.60	1.10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.10	0.00	1.38	0.21
Chittagong.	Saran	Aurungabad	...	...	...	0.34	0.75	0.13	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.15	...	1.38	0.21
		Gaya	...	...	0.12	0.24	0.78	0.14	...	0.03	1.36	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.05	0.03	3.32	0.21
		Nawada	3.00	0.48	0.43	0.48	0.40	0.10	...	0.13	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.04	0.03	1.75	0.21
		Jahangabad	...	...	...	0.35	0.84	0.40	0.03	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.05	0.00	0.65	0.21
		Arwal	...	...	...	0.22	0.00	0.27	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.20	0.02	1.05	0.21
	Shahabad	Bhadrabad	...	0.29	...	0.16	0.05	0.32	0.01	0.20	0.02	1.05	0.21
		Sherghati	0.24	0.73	0.27	0.32	1.11	0.21
		Kajauli	2.02	...	...	0.11	0.30	...	0.10	0.30	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.14	0.26	1.11	0.21
		Fukri	0.00	...	0.20	0.04	0.75	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.10	0.47	0.63	0.21
		Bara	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1.30	0.21
Chittagong.	Patna	Buxar	...	...	0.60	0.32	2.38	0.21	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.03	0.00	0.04	0.21
		Barh	...	...	...	0.09	0.04	0.31	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.21
		Bhabhua	...	...	...	0.55	2.60	0.56	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.21
		Basaram	...	...	...	0.13	1.42	0.42	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.21
		Arrah	...	...	0.33	0.02	0.11	...	0.05	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.21
	Muzaffarpur	Mohana	...	...	...	0.05	3.00	1.40	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.56	0.17	0.31	0.21
		Khari	...	...	0.60	0.40	1.27	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.21
		Ageon	0.75	1.70	0.45	0.35	0.21	
		Kamagar	0.14	1.00	1.18	0.17	0.01	0.10	0.69	0.48	0.21
		Koath	...	0.26																			

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11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	Number of rainy days.	Average number of rainy days.	Total rainfall for the month.	Average rainfall for the month.	Maximum rainfall during the month.	Total rainfall from 1st October 1897 to 31st October 1897.	Average rainfall from 1st October to 31st October.	Station.	District.	Division.	Meteorological Division.
0.23	0.06	1.85	9	5.83	5.32	5.28	1.25	1.08	2.15	Munibiganj.	Dacca.	Dacca.	Dacca.
0.71	9	5.10	5.84	4.02	0.90	3.31	1.51	Dacca.	Dacca.		
...	8	5.40	5.40	4.42	1.74	1.62	2.23	Narainganj.	Dacca.		
0.09	10	4.92	4.71	3.08	0.86	2.11	1.02	Manikganj.	Dacca.		
...	8	5.38	5.05	3.09	1.25	1.45	1.07	Jaydehpur.	Dacca.		
...	9	6.10	5.74	4.09	0.49	0.90	1.55	Kishoreganj.	Dacca.		
...	7	4.81	4.64	4.49	1.23	1.51	1.91	Atia (Tangail).	Dacca.		
...	7	5.77	4.64	5.03	0.83	1.71	2.08	Mymensingh.	Dacca.		
...	6	4.92	7.00	4.90	3.45	2.40	1.88	Jamalpur.	Dacca.		
...	11	5.45	11.35	6.18	4.20	6.08	2.55	Netrokona.	Dacca.		
...	7	5.75	7.17	3.90	1.08	1.46	1.43	Subarnakhal.	Dacca.	Dacca.	Dacca.
...	7	4.70	7.99	6.08	2.60	1.00	1.44	Durgapur.	Dacca.		
...	7	3.73	4.35	1.90	1.49	1.49	1.44	Sherpur Town.	Dacca.		
...	7	3.73	11.40	4.60	4.28	5.07	1.10	Diwaniganj.	Dacca.		
...	6	5.89	5.96	4.59	1.78	2.91	1.75	Madanipur.	Dacca.		
...	8	5.25	4.14	4.09	1.72	1.00	1.81	Faridpur.	Dacca.		
...	9	5.80	3.07	4.98	0.64	1.26	1.06	Goaindo.	Dacca.		
...	11	7.50	13.47	6.35	5.70	3.01	2.16	Patuakhali.	Dacca.		
...	8	4.77	8.74	5.87	3.15	1.38	2.40	Pirojpur.	Dacca.		
...	8	6.74	10.31	5.01	4.08	2.53	2.54	Barisal.	Dacca.		
...	7	5.73	6.10	4.75	2.82	1.70	2.12	Gournadi.	Dacca.	Dacca.	Dacca.
...	11	6.79	9.34	6.07	4.84	2.24	2.02	Bhola.	Dacca.		
...	9	7.21	?	2.23	1.88	?	?	Daulatkhan.	Dacca.		
...	10	6.18	11.42	7.04	4.20	3.01	2.01	Barisal.	Dacca.		
...	8	5.84	1.70	5.08	0.60	0.75	2.28	Akrotia.	Dacca.		
...	5	5.83	1.80	5.20	0.95	0.37	2.09	Comilla.	Dacca.	Dacca.	Dacca.
...	9	5.30	4.54	6.13	1.63	1.52	2.18	Chandpur.	Dacca.		
...	6	5.85	5.52	4.94	1.50	3.08	2.08	Brahmanbaria.	Dacca.		
...	6	5.09	5.16	4.73	2.50	Nil	2.74	Ranchlandra- pur.	Dacca.		
...	6	4.50	7.95	4.65	3.15	5.15	2.11	Nasirnagar.	Dacca.		
...	3	4.18	3.21	3.21	?	1.02	1.02	Daudkandi.	Dacca.	Dacca.	Dacca.
...	6	3.42	1.02	4.05	0.65	0.18	2.27	Kasba.	Dacca.		
...	6	7.31	2.68	4.10	1.10	0.42	1.97	Lukam.	Dacca.		
...	11	7.70	5.97	7.70	1.35	2.00	3.08	Noakhali.	Dacca.		
...	9	7.78	5.67	6.50	1.50	2.32	2.19	Fenny.	Dacca.		
...	5	6.34	10.26	1.53	4.20	4.38	4.38	Harishpur.	Dacca.	Dacca.	Dacca.
...	8	5.70	5.10	6.47	2.00	0.37	2.17	Ramganj.	Dacca.		
...	8	6.88	12.07	7.95	7.23	5.41	3.47	Cox's Bazar.	Dacca.		
...	87	0.73	11.67	6.24	7.51	9.31	2.20	Chittagong.	Dacca.		
...	4	5.36	3.61	7.51	?	1.01	4.26	Kutubdia.	Dacca.		
...	4	5.36	11.22	0.09	9.30	9.80	2.01	Satkhya.	Dacca.	Dacca.	Dacca.
...	3	7.48	11.07	5.93	4.00	6.09	2.64	Kodala.	Dacca.		
...	3	?	5.47	?	4.63	6.20	?	Pesoa.	Dacca.		
...	5	?	3.10	?	1.18	2.40	?	Miragat.	Dacca.		
...	7	5.68	11.03	6.54	8.30	8.98	3.18	Chandpur.	Dacca.		
...	6	?	15.36	?	10.92	11.05	?	Bandarban.	Dacca.	Dacca.	Dacca.
...	8	?	10.83	?	0.00	0.00	?	Demagiri.	Dacca.		
...	9	3.19	7.13	3.26	2.12	4.58	1.19	Patna.	Dacca.		
...	9	3.40	4.12	3.33	0.82	2.24	1.23	Dinapore.	Dacca.		
...	9	3.34	5.85	2.01	1.01	4.70	1.01	Barh.	Dacca.		
...	8	2.85	3.30	2.05	1.10	2.28	1.00	Barh.	Dacca.	Dacca.	Dacca.
...	8	3.00	4.49	3.54	1.38	2.78	0.97	Bikram.	Dacca.		
...	6	3.00	4.70	3.42	1.40	3.00	1.08	Hilsa.	Dacca.		
...	6	3.05	5.95	2.47	3.92	4.71	0.85	Aurangabad...	Dacca.		
...	10	2.96	6.79	2.27	1.75	4.12	0.93	Gaya.	Dacca.		
...	7	2.85	9.06	2.21	3.09	3.95	0.80	Nawada.	Dacca.	Dacca.	Dacca.
...	7	3.22	5.07	2.87	2.00	4.35	0.70	Jahanabad.	Dacca.		
...	9	2.00	4.19	2.54	1.37	2.80	0.83	Arwal.	Dacca.		
...	7	2.00	5.54	1.63	1.85	3.78	0.61	Manmarg.	Dacca.		
...	10	3.00	5.94	3.00	3.21	4.93	0.80	Sherkhat.	Dacca.		
...	7	3.00	7.25	2.33	2.52	3.98	0.91	Bajaul.	Dacca.	Dacca.	Dacca.
...	7	2.00	6.78	1.41	2.90	4.20	0.59	Pakri Barwan.	Dacca.		
...	6	3.04	4.20	3.20	2.38	0.60	1.15	Buxar.	Dacca.		
...	7	2.77	4.24	2.03	1.59	2.90	1.01	Dohri.	Dacca.		
...	7	2.38	7.62	2.93	2.60	3.81	1.05	Bhabhua.	Dacca.		
...	5	2.55	3.44	3.05	1.43	1.47	1.17	Sasaram.	Dacca.	Dacca.	Dacca.
...	5	3.62	4.54	2.09	1.67	2.37	0.96	Arrah.	Dacca.		
...	5	1.83	0.83	2.38	3.00	2.35	0.87	Mohana.	Dacca.		
...	3	?	2.17	?	1.27	Nil	?	Khari.	Dacca.		
...	7	?	0.65	?	1.70	2.40	?	Agawa.	Dacca.		
...	8	?	3.77	?	1.18	1.27	?	Ramagar.	Dacca.	Dacca.	Dacca.
...	6	?	3.14	?	1.23	1.11	?	Koath.	Dacca.		
...	5	?	3.40	?	1.37	1.41	?	Sikroul.	Dacca.		
...	8	?	6.15	?	3.00	3.15	?	Bassawan.	Dacca.		
...	5	?	4.35	?	1.80	1.30	?	Monaharpur.	Dacca.		
...	8	2.61	7.85	3.98	3.18	2.96	0.69	Gopalganj.	Dacca.	Dacca.	Dacca.
...	5	2.77	3.57	3.41	2.10	0.83	1.25	Siwan.	Dacca.		
...	6	?	4.43	?	1.47	1.30	?	Ekma.	Dacca.		
...	8	2.65	4.32	3.08	1.84	1.71	0.99	Chapra.	Dacca.		
...	5	?	6.00	?	3.90	1.30	?	Seerampur.	Dacca.		
...	6	?	5.43	?	3.75	3.55	?	Amour.	Dacca.	Dacca.	Dacca.
...	8	?	5.24	?	1.70	1.04	?	Basantpur.	Dacca.		
...	7	?	4.30	?	2.12	0.98	?	Daraul.	Dacca.		
...	6	?	6.12	?	3.80	1.55	?	Bhoreh.	Dacca.		
...	6	3.68	6.72	3.39	3.24	0.88	0.91	Mothur.	Dacca.		
...	7	2.24	7.55	3.39	3.32	0.51	0.71	Bettiah.	Dacca.	Dacca.	Dacca.
...	6	2.32	15.88	3.73	8.54	0.26	0.78	Bagha.	Dacca.		
...	9	2.45	8.28	2.71	2.90	2.07	1.02	Burhurwa.	Dacca.		
...	3	?	10.34	?	7.15	0.18	?	Ramnagar.	Dacca.		
...	8	2.81	11.25	3.11	6.12	2.60	0.98	Sitamarhi.	Dacca.		
...	9	3.44	6.16	3.53	1.55	3.73	0				

Table of Rainfall recorded at Stations

Metereological Division.	District.	Station.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
BENGAL—continued.	Bhagalpur—continued.	Bhagalpur ...																				
		Madhipura ...	0.10		1.36	1.14	1.70	0.08										0.08	0.88	0.21	0.34	
		Bongson ...			1.47	0.88	1.50											0.30	0.08	0.23	1.10	
		(Sylhet).																				
		Rupaul ...	0.08		0.71	0.93	2.24	0.38											0.72	0.67	0.07	1.30
		Protapganj ...			0.81	1.38	1.51												1.45	0.35		2.17
		Bhagalpur ...	0.70	0.34	0.06	1.74	0.03	0.05											0.15	0.36		0.24
		Banks ...		2.03		3.00	3.30	0.02	0.78										0.00	1.80	0.80	
		Colong ...		0.00	0.30	1.55	1.07	0.09											0.35	0.90		0.80
		Banail ...				2.05	3.10												0.38	1.92		0.23
Purnea	Purnea	Kishanganj ...				1.12	3.07	1.02										0.30	0.18		0.13	
		Araria ...	1.30			1.10	3.09	2.06										0.03	0.70		0.20	
		Purnea ...	2.10			1.15	4.16	1.02										0.75	0.36		0.75	
		Gondwana ...	0.84	0.40		3.40	2.50	0.83										0.75			0.16	
		(Korah).																				
		Barsoe ...			0.37	1.50	1.55											0.70	0.20			
		Forbesganj ...			1.14	0.93	2.14	1.33										1.31	0.20			
		Kaliganj ...				4.0	7.50	0.40														
		Malda ...			0.41	2.71	0.09	1.18											1.45		0.28	
		Chandol ...			0.70	2.55	1.83	1.07											0.41	0.41		0.28
Southal Parganas.	Southal Parganas.	Gajol ...			0.60	3.80	0.08	4.15														
		Sibganj ...			0.12	1.53	0.80	1.20											0.80	2.22		0.28
		Rajmahal ...			0.02	1.90	2.75	0.40											0.03	0.90		0.20
		Godda ...			0.34	1.45	1.25													0.65		0.20
		Pakour ...				2.35	4.84	0.58	0.08										0.19	2.13		1.24
		Naya Dumka ...	0.03	0.44	1.93	2.90													0.50	1.63	0.24	0.20
		Dooghur ...	0.04		0.62	1.07	1.30					0.17							1.42	3.23	1.20	0.20
		Jamtara ...			0.05	0.80	1.38	0.10				0.32							1.45	1.38	0.15	0.20
		Beldaha ...	0.20	1.03	1.45														0.25			
		Nandhat ...			0.24	3.20	0.56															
Outlook	Outlook	Assenbani ...	0.50	1.30	3.30							0.68						0.65	1.93		0.28	0.20
		Atakund ...				2.50	1.78												0.35		0.20	
		Madhupur ...	0.08		0.45	1.69	0.67												1.45	1.60	0.08	0.20
		Sarwa ...			1.50	2.20													0.40	3.50	0.40	1.50
		Sarwa ...				1.84	1.61	0.06											0.04	3.23		0.24
		Barkope ...					0.20	0.40											0.45	0.57	0.40	2.50
		Bhagya ...			1.34	1.63	2.00												1.13			
		Mohepore ...			0.21	0.06	2.24	0.18					0.75						0.15	2.00		1.10
		Barharwa ...			0.45	1.78	3.20	0.16	0.38				0.24						0.08	1.33		0.16
		Sukhganj ...			0.40	1.02	2.87	0.83												1.14		
Balesore	Balesore	Jamtungpur ...	0.54	1.34	1.03		1.63						0.20		0.85	2.88	1.88			0.21	0.19	
		Banki ...		0.02	0.64	0.44										0.07	0.19	0.82	0.53	0.20	0.20	
		Outlook ...	0.05	0.05	1.13	0.65	0.03	0.06								0.13	0.11	0.90	0.70	0.05	0.20	
		Falco Point ...	0.79	0.00	0.32	0.54	0.07	0.07										0.44	4.94	1.74	1.16	
		Kendrapara ...	0.14	0.52	1.91	1.38	0.04	0.02										0.35	1.30	1.40	1.21	
		Jajpur ...	0.08	0.95	1.03	1.18	0.06											0.65	0.20	0.71	2.90	
		Dharmasa ...	0.17	1.40	1.98	0.78												0.04	0.06	0.03	0.02	
		Balipore ...		1.11	1.81	0.62												0.74	1.90	0.80	0.68	
		Pal Lahara ...		0.80	0.85	0.21	0.15												1.03			
		Akhyapada ...	0.14	0.77	1.04	0.58	0.30											0.04	0.80	0.00	2.10	
Puri	Puri	Chandani ...	1.50	1.94	1.25													2.82	2.28	2.10	0.40	
		Bhadra ...	0.50	0.65	1.70	1.60												1.10	1.46	3.03	0.11	
		Soro ...	0.50	1.53	2.05	2.02	1.02	1.10										0.42	0.61	5.19	0.50	
		Balasore ...	0.05	0.80	2.40	1.20	0.40											0.40	4.28	2.80	0.45	
		Jeliasore ...	0.04	0.43	1.23	1.35	0.48											0.38	0.80	1.25	0.05	
		Baripada ...	0.16	0.50	2.11	0.87												0.80	1.55	3.94	0.76	
		Puri ...	0.02	0.77	1.08	0.55												0.90	0.43	0.58	0.12	
		Khurda ...	0.01	1.10	1.54	0.98												0.01	1.68	1.54	0.03	
		Bhanpur ...		0.47	2.11	0.67													2.25	1.15	2.02	
		Gop ...	0.40	0.50	1.50							0.42						0.04	1.60	0.01	0.30	
Haaribagh	Haaribagh	Satpara ...		1.43	1.18								0.60	0.70			0.40	3.40	1.10	0.80		
		Pipli ...	0.08	0.07	1.28	0.60							0.17	0.30	0.70		0.40	2.80	1.70	0.30		
		Nayagarh ...	3.03	1.72										0.27	0.08			0.50	2.10	1.20	0.25	
		Kanpur ...		1.21	3.34	0.80												0.15		2.44	0.05	
		Paohamba (Goridih).	0.23	0.03	0.07	0.73	0.23						0.09						0.90	1.24	0.20	0.20
		Haaribagh ...	0.03	0.13	0.34	0.78	0.81	0.08					0.19						1.17	0.12	0.91	0.70
		Barbi ...	0.34		0.80	0.31	0.28												2.44	2.09	0.02	1.45
		Chatra ...	0.23	0.41	0.13	0.45	0.81	0.06											0.43	0.35	0.87	0.20
		Karakdeha ...			1.03	0.83													1.90	0.90	0.53	1.75
		Bamgar ...		0.50	0.70	1.00	0.20															
Lohardaga	Lohardaga	Lohardaga ...	0.03		0.11	0.70	0.93	0.02				0.03							0.68	0.87	0.25	0.35
		Ranchi ...	0.05	0.04	0.70	0.99	1.15	0.08						0.29					0.74	0.53	1.10	0.12
		Billi ...				0.03	0.65												1.20	0.80	0.40	1.00
		Talkot ...																				
		Tamar ...		0.50	0.72	0.78													1.02		2.48	
		Chainpur ...	1.95	1.63																		
		Singur ...	2.30	0.26	0.50									1.00		1.20	2.00	0.90	1.00	0.80	1.00	
		Jashpur ...		0.41	0.34	0.38	0.56											0.30	0.45	2.00		
		Gangpur ...				1.60	0.80												0.35			2.05
		Palasana	Palasana	Palasana (Daitongaj).				0.82	2.08													0.72	1.24
Balunath ...	1.23				0.53	0.23	1.11	0.17														

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Number of rainy days.	Average number of rainy days.	Total rainfall for the month.	Average rainfall for the month.	Heaviest rainfall during the month.	Total rainfall from 16th October 1897 to 31st October 1897.	Average rainfall from 16th October to 31st October.	Station.	District.	Division.	Metereological Division.
0.30	0.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7	5.60	7.10	3.70	1.70	1.92	1.08	Madhipura Bouson. (Byfabad.)	Bhagalpur.	Bhagalpur—continued.	Bihar—continued.
0.22	0.35	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9	3.00	7.44	2.48	3.84	3.60	0.92	Sapaul.			
0.29	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8	3.09	7.64	1.73	3.17	4.50	0.55	Protaganj.			
0.42	0.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10	3.12	7.59	3.80	3.36	4.08	0.91	Bhagalpur.			
0.13	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8	3.23	13.65	3.18	3.30	4.62	1.26	Banka.			
0.32	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8	3.23	8.08	3.06	1.67	2.51	0.70	Colgong.			
0.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6	3.24	5.91	3.23	3.19	4.09	0.90	Bansil.			
0.14	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9	3.26	8.93	3.70	3.09	3.27	1.00	Kushanganj ...	Purnea.		
0.11	0.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8	3.46	10.41	3.87	4.16	1.98	1.46	Araria.			
0.19	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9	3.70	9.23	3.23	3.40	1.26	0.68	Purnea.			
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6	?	6.07	?	1.85	1.00	?	Gondwara (Korah).		Bhagalpur—continued.	Bihar—continued.
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3	?	7.00	?	3.14	1.55	?	Barosa.			
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3	3.50	11.50	3.04	7.50	Nil	0.67	Forbaganj.			
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7	4.62	8.09	4.41	3.71	2.00	1.09	Kuliganj.			
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8	3.35	7.89	2.73	3.65	1.14	0.63	Makda ...	Malda.		
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4	3.58	8.63	3.61	4.16	?	0.60	Chanchal.			
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8	3.73	7.26	4.05	3.39	3.61	1.59	Gajol.			
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4	3.80	6.95	3.26	2.75	1.19	0.64	Siganj.			
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3	3.83	8.79	3.67	3.80	3.76	0.98	Rajmahal ...	Sontal Par- ganee.		
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7	5.25	13.14	4.59	4.84	4.09	1.18	O			

**SUMMARY OF THE METEOROLOGICAL AND RAINFALL OBSERVATIONS
TAKEN IN BENGAL, AND OF THE METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS
TAKEN IN ASSAM, FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 1897.**

In the report for September it was pointed out that after an unusually quiet monsoon season a change began to set in about the middle of that month. Depressions were developing over the Bay in greater number than usual, the last referred to being then in process of formation. In the early part of October that disturbance slowly developed into one of very wide extent, moving westward with a velocity considerably below the average while over the sea. The centre crossed the coast near Gopalpur and immediately afterwards changed its line of movement to one almost due north, and passing with a steadily increasing velocity across Orissa and Chota Nagpur into Bihar broke up on reaching the hills.

Up to the time when the centre crossed the coast weather was not very seriously disturbed in the north-west of the Bay, but the change of direction and the slow northerly movement almost parallel to the coast with the centre of the disturbance at no great distance from the sea were followed by strong south-easterly winds and a very rough sea in that part of the Bay. Rainfall was general over the province for some days, and was especially heavy in the north of the province, at the time of, or just subsequent to, the breaking up of the storm.

The settled weather which followed the disturbance was of about a week's duration only. A second depression began in the east of the Bay, and though causing strong winds at Diamond Island and squally weather over the greater part of the eastern half of the Bay, it behaved differently as it moved westward. Instead of deepening it became diffused and after some days disappeared without any definite centre reaching the west coast. But though not causing stormy weather it gave rise to much rain over a wide area which included the whole of Bengal, the falls being most heavy and general in the western districts.

The period of the existence of this depression may be said to be between the 12th and 17th, though there were signs of a low pressure area in the south-west of the Bay for two or three days more. These signs, however, soon ceased as the third disturbance of the month began to affect the weather in the extreme south-east of the Bay about the 20th, and developing rapidly was soon the most important feature of the weather conditions.

This disturbance, which afterwards passed into the north-east angle of the Bay, and was so destructive to life and property in the Chittagong Division, does not seem to have commenced, as cyclonic storms generally do, within the Bay area. It probably crossed from the east into the Andaman Sea to the south of Tavoy on the 20th, as the wind at Tavoy at 8 A.M. on that day was north-west. On the 21st its centre was about midway between Tavoy and the Andaman Island, and the depression was even then one of considerable depth as was shown by the fall of pressure at Diamond Island during the subsequent 24 hours. The greatest fall reported from that station was about a quarter of an inch at 2 A.M. on the 22nd. It is impossible to say with the information at my disposal how far south of Diamond Island the centre then was, but it was probably at no great distance as the area of stormy winds such as blew there was of limited extent even two days afterwards. Between the morning of the 22nd and the morning of the 24th observations at the coast stations give little or no information as to the behaviour of the storm. It continued to move for at least 24 hours in a north-westerly direction; it then probably began to recurve, moving at a lower rate. When the direction became north or north-east, the rate of advance increased, and during the 24th the centre appears to have moved with about average velocity.

But the observations taken at Chittagong show that the rapid development which was a feature of the disturbance while in the Andaman Sea continued while it was passing over the north of the Bay. Though the centre was probably not within some miles of Chittagong pressure there fell to 28.6 inches, so that at the centre when it passed the coast line there must have been a much greater fall than that recorded at Chittagong. The coast line for some distance south from the mouth of the Kornafuli river was swept by a storm-wave; the strength of the hurricane can only be inferred from the destruction of property, as all the wind recording instruments at Chittagong were displaced or destroyed; and torrential rain fell in the Chittagong Division and the South Lushai Hills.

The chief features then of the weather during October were:—

1. The state of unrest in atmospheric condition over the Bay, which, beginning in September, continued till near the end of October, and culminated in the cyclone between the 20th and 24th.

2. The heavy general rainfall over the whole province during the first and third weeks, the average excess for the larger divisions varying from about 2.5 inches in North Bengal to nearly 5 inches in Orissa.

3. The high night temperature and high humidity which prevailed during the month up to the 24th, when a sudden change followed the breaking up of the cyclonic storm in passing over the Lushai Hills.

4. From the 24th till the end of the month fine cloudless weather prevailed, with cloudless skies, north-westerly winds, and temperature several degrees below the normal.

The periods of disturbed weather to which I have very briefly referred above, but which had so much influence as regards the rainfall distribution in all parts of the province, occurred at the beginning of the month and in the middle. Between these two periods, from about the 6th, when rainfall to a large extent ceased in Bihar, till the 12th, when the first signs of the second disturbance appeared in the east of the Bay, pressure and temperature steadily rose, and were each in moderate excess of the normal. Fine settled weather

prevailed in Bengal with almost cloudless skies and occasional light showers. This fine weather continued over the province till the 14th when rainfall became general in Orissa and extended on the 15th to almost the whole of the southern and central districts. It was general in North Bengal and Bihar on the 16th continuing till the 20th and in places till the 21st.

While the cyclonic storm was causing stormy weather in the north of the Bay between the 22nd and 24th fine weather prevailed in Bengal, and even when the disturbance was in the north-east angle and crossing Chittagong there was little change, except that the north-westerly winds strengthened somewhat and the sky became lightly clouded. No rainfall reports were received on the 25th except the large amounts in Chittagong and light falls in Backergunge.

On the 25th the pressure distribution had largely recovered, but there was still defect at all stations varying from a very small amount in the south of the Bay to $\cdot 25$ inch in Assam. Temperature was below the normal by 2° in the west and south of the province and above by 2° in Assam and North Bengal. After a rapid increase of pressure on the 26th the distribution became normal, and from that time till the end of the month only the ordinary oscillations obtained. The fall of temperature which followed the disturbance caused comparatively cool weather for a day or two, but by the end of the month the difference from the normal was small except in the extreme south-west and the north-east, in the former of which there was defect and in the latter excess up to about 3° .

Pressure has been almost uniformly below the normal throughout the month, generally by small amounts only. At the beginning of the month there was defect of nearly $\cdot 8$ inch in the west of the province during the northward passage of the depression over Orissa, Chota Nagpur and Bihar, and a large defect in the east on the 23rd and 24th. As there was no balancing excess the means for the month are low by uniform amounts of about $\cdot 04$ inch.

The very low reading of $28\cdot 6$ inches was recorded at Chittagong on the evening of the 24th when the cyclone was passing, and as the centre was probably a few miles to the south of the station at the time of taking the reading, it is not unlikely that the depth of the depression was considerably greater than is shown by the Chittagong observations.

Temperature.—As the weather was cloudy with general rain during the greater part of the first-half of the month, day readings were generally below the normal. During the last week also there was comparatively cool weather owing to the north-westerly winds which set in after the cyclone of the 24th. Mean maximum temperatures for the month are hence below the normal, except in the east of the province, where there is a small excess. Night temperatures, on the other hand, were almost always high till the last week when cold weather conditions began. The average excess in minimum readings varies from half a degree in the west to nearly 4° in the north-eastern districts.

The average temperature for the larger divisions is practically normal except in East and North Bengal, where there is excess of about $1\cdot 5^{\circ}$.

Rainfall.—As stated above, heavy general rain fell during the first and third weeks. From the 8th to the 14th there were only a few scattered showers, and after the 25th rainfall ceased in all parts of the province. For a few days previous to the 25th scattered showers were falling, but these amounts were insignificant with the exception of the very heavy falls which were general in the Chittagong Division during the passage of the cyclone of the 24th. Cox's Bazar, Chittagong, Satkanya, Rangamati and Bandarban all reported between 7 and 10 inches.

As the rainfall during the first and third weeks was more continuous and heavy than is usual in October, every district in the province received considerably more than the normal fall, more especially those in the west. The average excess for the Orissa Division was $4\cdot 96$ and for Bihar $4\cdot 32$ inches. Chota Nagpur and South-West Bengal each received on an average nearly 3 inches more than the normal amount, North Bengal about $2\cdot 5$ inches, while the smallest excess was $1\cdot 42$ inches in East Bengal.

The average number of rainy days was more than double the usual number in Chota Nagpur and Bihar, and more than 50 per cent. in excess in the other divisions except East Bengal.

From the beginning of the year till the end of October, as will be seen from a table following, the total rainfall has been very nearly normal. Orissa, South-West Bengal and Bihar have received from 3 to 8 per cent. more than the normal, and Chota Nagpur, North Bengal and East Bengal from 2 to 5 per cent. less.

The falls at the various stations were very uniform, generally varying from 6 to 8 inches, except in part of Chota Nagpur and Orissa, where they were below 5 inches, and at a few southern stations, chiefly in Orissa and East Bengal, where they were above 10 inches. The variations from the normal are more irregular, ranging from a defect of 3 inches in part of South-East Bengal to excess of 8 inches in part of Bihar and Orissa. In the eastern half of the province the prevailing variation is excess of about 2 inches. It increases to about 4 inches in the central districts and to 6 inches in Bihar and the north of Chota Nagpur. In the south-west of Chota Nagpur and the west of Orissa the falls differed by very little from the normal and in places were somewhat below.

The following table gives a comparison between the actual monthly and total rainfall and the normal rainfall of the province up to the end of October in the same form as has been employed in the previous monthly abstracts of the present year. The figures represent the ratio of the rainfall of each month of the present year to the normal rainfall expressed as

a percentage. The table thus gives a condensed summary of the rainfall data of the year for each meteorological division. The first ten columns give the percentage amount of rainfall received in each month, and the last column the percentage rainfall of the whole period from the 1st of January to the end of October:—

METEOROLOGICAL DIVISIONS.	January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	Actual rainfall of first ten months of 1897 expressed as percentage of the normal fall for the period.
South-West Bengal ...	3	64	149	107	77	115	84	108	93	172	103
North Bengal ...	17	34	210	63	105	64	79	98	132	157	96
East Bengal ...	7	33	112	44	83	93	76	122	131	126	98
Bihar ...	28	111	273	170	61	140	82	97	101	262	103
Orissa ...	3	829	316	91	38	88	111	96	71	185	105
Chota Nagpur ...	90	194	197	143	53	85	85	93	81	199	95

The following table gives full data for the comparison of the actual and normal rainfall of the month of October in all districts of the Province. The first column gives the average district rainfall as determined from the rainfall observations of the past 26 years; the second column gives the actual district rainfall as determined from the actual weighted rainfall of the month at the reporting stations in the district; the third column expresses the ratio of the actual district rainfall to the normal as a percentage; and the fourth the same information in a slightly different form:—

Percentage Table for October 1897.

DIVISION.	DISTRICT.	Normal district rainfall for October.	Actual district rainfall for October 1897.	Percentage of actual to normal rainfall.	Percentage excess (+) or defect (-).
South-West Bengal	Burdwan	3.53	6.23	178	+ 78
	Birbhum	3.53	7.75	220	+120
	Bankura	3.24	6.34	196	+ 96
	Midnapore	4.63	6.60	143	+ 43
	Hooghly	4.08	6.07	149	+ 49
	Howrah	3.66	9.73	266	+166
	24-Parganas	4.79	7.17	150	+ 50
	Calcutta	4.39	8.61	198	+ 98
	Nadia	4.16	6.06	160	+ 60
	Murshidabad	3.74	5.83	156	+ 56
	Jessore	4.41	6.20	140	+ 40
	Khulna	4.94	7.98	162	+ 62
	Rajshahi	3.81	5.64	148	+ 48
	Dinajpur	4.51	8.24	184	+ 84
North Bengal	Jalpaiguri	4.83	5.35	111	+ 11
	Darjeeling	4.72	10.60	225	+125
	Cooch Behar	5.54	6.43	116	+ 16
	Rangpur	4.88	8.95	183	+ 83
	Bogra	3.89	7.61	193	+ 93
	Pabna	4.14	5.13	126	+ 26
	Dacca	4.26	6.01	141	+ 41
East Bengal	Mymensingh	5.30	6.29	119	+ 19
	Faridpur	4.32	4.56	106	+ 6
	Backergunge	6.92	10.53	176	+ 76
	Tippora	5.10	...	...	...
	Noakhali	7.28	5.85	79	- 21
	Chittagong	6.85	11.99	176	+ 76
	South Lushai Hills	6.54	11.03	169	+ 69
	Patna	2.84	5.00	176	+ 76
	Gaya	2.43	4.48	268	+168
	Shahabad	2.98	4.80	164	+ 64
Bihar	Saran	3.46	5.27	152	+ 52
	Champaran	3.46	8.88	257	+157
	Muzaffarpur	2.76	...	...	...
	Darbhanga	2.27	...	...	...
	Monghyr	2.37	5.79	244	+144
	Bhagalpur	2.70	8.50	306	+206
	Purnea	3.29	9.46	287	+187
	Malda	4.18	7.20	172	+ 72
	Sonthal Parganas	3.85	8.60	223	+123
	Cuttack	5.49	8.86	161	+ 61
Orissa	Balasore	5.51	15.28	277	+177
	Puri	7.37	9.39	127	+ 27
	Hazaribagh	3.37	...	...	...
Chota Nagpur	Lohardaga	2.58	4.43	172	+ 72
	Palamanu	2.64	7.69	291	+191
	Manbhum	2.72	...	...	...
	Singbhum	2.97	3.07	103	+ 3

The following table gives the summary of the temperature and rainfall data of each of the seven meteorological divisions of the Province for the month of October 1897:—

METEOROLOGICAL DIVISIONS.	TEMPERATURE.							RAINFALL.						
	Highest observed during month.	Lowest observed during month.	Averages for month.			Average mean of month above or below normal mean of month.	Of month.			Rainy days.			Since 16th October 1897.	
			Of highest of each day.	Of lowest of each day.	Of mean for each day.		Average.	Normal average.	Variation.	Average number in month.	Normal average number in month.	Variation.	Average.	Normal average.
South-West Bengal	93.8	60.1	87.7	74.8	81.3	+0.3	6.87	4.00	+2.87	8.93	5.00	+3.93	3.97	1.63
North Bengal	92.1	61.8	87.1	74.4	80.8	+1.4	6.73	4.38	+2.35	7.17	4.30	+2.87	1.45	1.39
East "	92.3†	67.3†	87.6†	75.3†	81.9†	+1.0†	6.87	5.45	+1.42	7.08	5.83	+1.25	3.13	3.23
Bihar	95.3	57.9	86.8	73.1	79.5	+0.1	7.16	3.64	+3.52	7.40	3.96	+3.44	3.80	0.92
Orissa	94.7	60.6	87.7	75.4	81.6	-0.3	10.81	5.85	+4.96	10.43	6.08	+4.35	4.39	3.71
Chota Nagpur	93.4°	56.0°	83.6°	68.9°	76.3°	0°	5.85	2.94	+2.91	8.10	3.94	+4.16	3.71	1.63
Assam	95.8	65.0	87.0	74.7	80.9	0								

† Lungleh not included. } • Daltonganj not included.

METEOROLOGICAL OFFICE, BENGAL,

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The 15th November 1897.

Meteorological Reporter to the Govt. of Bengal.

Results of the Barometrical and Thermometrical Observations taken at the Meteorological Office, Chowringhee, from 7th to 13th November 1897.

MONTH.	Date.	Pressure at 10 A.M. corrected and reduced to 32° Fahr.	TEMPERATURE.					HYGROMETRY.				Rainfall, past 24 hours.
			Daily mean.	Maximum.	Range.	Minimum.	Dry bulb at 10 A.M.	Wet bulb at 10 A.M.	Vapour tension at 10 A.M.	Dew point at 10 A.M.	Humidity at 10 A.M.	
1897.		Inches.	°		°	°	°	°	Inches.	°	%	Inches.
November	7th	29.976	75.6	85.2	19.6	65.9	79.6	69.6	.590	63.6	58	Nil.
"	8th	.982	77.9	85.2	14.6	70.6	82.1	73.6	.715	69.2	65	"
"	9th	.969	77.7	82.3	9.3	73.0	77.2	72.6	.741	70.3	80	0.01
"	10th	.969	78.5	86.0	16.0	71.0	82.1	72.6	.674	67.5	61	Nil
"	11th	.929	78.5	86.5	16.0	70.5	81.1	75.6	.728	69.6	69	"
"	12th	.923	78.1	84.7	17.3	67.4	79.5	70.6	.630	65.6	62	"
"	13th	.901	75.5	85.0	19.0	66.0	78.6	73.1	.742	70.3	71	"

The mean 10 A.M. pressure of the seven days Inches. 29.950

The mean temperature of the seven days 77.1

The extreme variation of temperature 20.6

The maximum temperature 86.5

The mean 10 A.M. relative humidity of the seven days % 67

The total fall of rain from 7th to 13th November 1897 Inches. 0.01

The daily mean temperatures are the crude means of maximum and minimum temperatures.

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Results of the Meteorological Observations taken at the Alipore Observatory from 7th to 13th November 1897.

Month.	Date.	Maximum in sun.	Number of hours of bright sunshine.	Mean pressure barometer at 32° Fahr.	TEMPERATURE.				HYGROMETRY.				WIND.		Rain.	WEATHER.
					Mean.	Maximum.	Range.	Minimum.	Mean wet bulb.	Vapour tension.	Dew point.	Humidity.	Prevailing direction.	Miles recorded.		
1897.				Inches.	°	°	°	°	°	Inches	°	%			Inches.	
Nov.	7th	139.5	8.8	29.913	75.2	83.3	10.7	66.6	69.9	0.662	67.0	76	N E, N, and calm	37	Nil	Chiefly cloudy, o.
"	8th	132.2	2.5	.921	77.1	83.6	12.9	70.7	72.6	.742	70.8	80	N N E, N N W, and W by S.	40	"	Chiefly cloudy, o.
"	9th	100.0	Nil	.926	75.5	79.8	6.3	78.5	71.0	.700	68.6	79	N by E and E N E	46	"	Cloudy, o, g.
"	10th	140.8	5.7	.920	76.1	83.0	12.2	70.8	71.3	.704	68.8	78	E S E, S W, and calm.	34	"	Partially cloudy, o.
"	11th	139.6	8.6	.873	75.9	83.3	12.3	71.0	70.5	.675	67.6	75	W N W, E N E, and N N E.	43	"	Partially cloudy.
"	12th	136.2	9.1	.861	78.6	82.6	15.9	66.7	68.0	.612	64.7	74	N N E and N N W	48	"	Chiefly clear, a.
"	13th	135.7	9.1	.846	74.5	83.0	16.3	66.7	69.8	.667	67.2	78	N N W and N	26	"	Chiefly clear, a.

The mean pressure of the seven days	...	...	...	...	Inches.
The average pressure of the corresponding period for 24 years, Surveyor-General's Office	...	...	...	...	29.894
The total number of hours of bright sunshine	...	...	...	...	Hours.
The maximum possible number of hours of sunshine	...	...	...	...	38.8
					77.7
The mean temperature of the seven days	...	...	...	...	75.4
The average temperature of the corresponding period for 24 years, Surveyor-General's Office	...	...	...	...	76.4
The extreme variation of temperature	...	...	...	...	17.0
The maximum temperature	...	...	...	...	83.6
The highest velocity of the wind in one hour	...	...	...	...	Miles.
					7
					%
					77
The mean relative humidity	...	...	...	...
The average relative humidity of the corresponding period for 24 years, Surveyor-General's Office	...	...	...	...	74
The total fall of rain from 7th to 13th November 1897	...	...	...	...	Inches.
The average fall of the corresponding period for 24 years, Surveyor-General's Office	...	...	...	...	Nil
The total fall from 1st January to 13th November 1897	...	...	...	...	0.38
The average fall of the corresponding period for 24 years, Surveyor-General's Office	...	...	...	...	58.33
					65.11

The mean pressure, temperature, &c., are deduced from the traces of the Barograph and Thermograph, and from observations made at 6h., 10h., 16h., and 22h.

The maximum and minimum temperatures are obtained from self-registering thermometers. All the thermometers are verified and the readings have been corrected to a standard constructed and verified at the Kew Observatory. They are exposed under a thatched shed open at the sides, and are suspended four feet above the ground.

The barometer readings are corrected approximately to those of the standard, Newman's No. 86, formerly at the Surveyor-General's Office.

The hygrometric elements are obtained from Tables III, IV, and V of the official tables computed in the Meteorological Office, and based on Regnault's modifications of August's formula.

The directions and the movement of the wind are taken from the trace of a Beckley's anemograph. The mouth of the rain-gauge is one foot above the ground.

o, overcast; g, gloomy; a, dew.

METEOROLOGICAL OFFICE, GOVT. OF INDIA,
Calcutta, the 15th November 1897.

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For Meteorological Reporter to the Govt. of India.

BIRTHS.			DEATHS.										AVERAGE OF CORRESPONDING MONTH OF PREVIOUS FIVE YEARS.										REMARKS.				
DIVISION.	DISTRICT.	Population under regis- tration.	Number registered.	CHOLERA.					SMALL-POX.					FEVER.					DIARRHEA AND DYSENTERY.					TOTAL OF ALL CAUSES.	Number registered.	Ratio per 1,000 of population per annum.	
				Ratio per 1,000 of population per annum.	Number registered.	Ratio per 1,000 of population per annum.	Number registered.	Ratio per 1,000 of population per annum.	Number registered.	Ratio per 1,000 of population per annum.	Number registered.	Ratio per 1,000 of population per annum.	Number registered.	Ratio per 1,000 of population per annum.	Number registered.	Ratio per 1,000 of population per annum.	Number registered.	Ratio per 1,000 of population per annum.	Number registered.	Ratio per 1,000 of population per annum.							
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22						
Burdwan	Burdwan	1,391,890	2,898	23.12	51	3.6	9	1.07	2,077	17.40	121	9.9	46	3.6	63	5.0	2,081	24.43	2,074	25.56							
	Birbhum	1,082,554	2,531	23.40	34	3.1	1	1.01	1,253	14.08	46	4.2	37	3.4	520	7.0	1,878	24.20	1,738	26.04							
	Bankura	1,082,554	2,531	23.40	34	3.1	1	1.01	1,253	14.08	46	4.2	37	3.4	520	7.0	1,878	24.20	1,738	26.04							
	Hooghly, including Seran- pore.	1,082,554	2,531	23.40	34	3.1	1	1.01	1,253	14.08	46	4.2	37	3.4	520	7.0	1,878	24.20	1,738	26.04							
Presidency	Hooghly	768,985	2,558	23.12	51	3.6	9	1.07	2,077	17.40	121	9.9	46	3.6	63	5.0	2,081	24.43	2,074	25.56							
	24-Parganas	1,897,983	4,554	24.60	37	3.2	19	1.06	2,935	17.04	114	5.2	146	6.4	407	2.5	3,386	27.49	3,293	29.28							
	Calcutta	1,119,119	1,113	19.68	43	3.7	4	0.4	2,213	16.16	33	8.4	136	12.2	728	19.72	1,939	24.08	1,891	28.20							
	Nadia	1,644,108	5,893	47.74	109	9.1	36	1	1.06	2,470	21.93	10	10.6	131	7.2	580	4.0	2,845	28.52	2,806	27.60						
Bakshali	Murshidabad	1,944,194	5,855	42.72	30	1.5	10	0.5	2,213	16.16	13	10.4	95	6.0	537	4.80	2,981	27.60	2,837	27.00							
	Jessore	1,944,194	5,855	42.72	30	1.5	10	0.5	2,213	16.16	13	10.4	95	6.0	537	4.80	2,981	27.60	2,837	27.00							
	Khulna	1,944,194	5,855	42.72	30	1.5	10	0.5	2,213	16.16	13	10.4	95	6.0	537	4.80	2,981	27.60	2,837	27.00							
	Kejlaiah	1,944,194	5,855	42.72	30	1.5	10	0.5	2,213	16.16	13	10.4	95	6.0	537	4.80	2,981	27.60	2,837	27.00							
Bakshali	Dinajpur	1,944,194	5,855	42.72	30	1.5	10	0.5	2,213	16.16	13	10.4	95	6.0	537	4.80	2,981	27.60	2,837	27.00							
	Jalpaiguri	1,944,194	5,855	42.72	30	1.5	10	0.5	2,213	16.16	13	10.4	95	6.0	537	4.80	2,981	27.60	2,837	27.00							
	Darjeeling	1,944,194	5,855	42.72	30	1.5	10	0.5	2,213	16.16	13	10.4	95	6.0	537	4.80	2,981	27.60	2,837	27.00							
	Bangpur	1,944,194	5,855	42.72	30	1.5	10	0.5	2,213	16.16	13	10.4	95	6.0	537	4.80	2,981	27.60	2,837	27.00							
Dacca	Bogra	1,944,194	5,855	42.72	30	1.5	10	0.5	2,213	16.16	13	10.4	95	6.0	537	4.80	2,981	27.60	2,837	27.00							
	Patna	1,944,194	5,855	42.72	30	1.5	10	0.5	2,213	16.16	13	10.4	95	6.0	537	4.80	2,981	27.60	2,837	27.00							
	Dacca	1,944,194	5,855	42.72	30	1.5	10	0.5	2,213	16.16	13	10.4	95	6.0	537	4.80	2,981	27.60	2,837	27.00							
	Myrmensha	1,944,194	5,855	42.72	30	1.5	10	0.5	2,213	16.16	13	10.4	95	6.0	537	4.80	2,981	27.60	2,837	27.00							
Chittagong	Faridpur	1,944,194	5,855	42.72	30	1.5	10	0.5	2,213	16.16	13	10.4	95	6.0	537	4.80	2,981	27.60	2,837	27.00							
	Barisal	1,944,194	5,855	42.72	30	1.5	10	0.5	2,213	16.16	13	10.4	95	6.0	537	4.80	2,981	27.60	2,837	27.00							
	Chittagong	1,944,194	5,855	42.72	30	1.5	10	0.5	2,213	16.16	13	10.4	95	6.0	537	4.80	2,981	27.60	2,837	27.00							
	Chittagong	1,944,194	5,855	42.72	30	1.5	10	0.5	2,213	16.16	13	10.4	95	6.0	537	4.80	2,981	27.60	2,837	27.00							
Patna	Patna	1,773,323	6,355	42.96	134	7.4	11	0.7	4,882	29.64	205	13.2	167	9.6	1,991	10.08	6,381	43.20	6,380	42.96							
	Gaya	1,773,323	6,355	42.96	134	7.4	11	0.7	4,882	29.64	205	13.2	167	9.6	1,991	10.08	6,381	43.20	6,380	42.96							
	Shahabad	1,773,323	6,355	42.96	134	7.4	11	0.7	4,882	29.64	205	13.2	167	9.6	1,991	10.08	6,381	43.20	6,380	42.96							
	Shahabad	1,773,323	6,355	42.96	134	7.4	11	0.7	4,882	29.64	205	13.2	167	9.6	1,991	10.08	6,381	43.20	6,380	42.96							
Bhagalpur	Chamran	1,773,323	6,355	42.96	134	7.4	11	0.7	4,882	29.64	205	13.2	167	9.6	1,991	10.08	6,381	43.20	6,380	42.96							
	Chamran	1,773,323	6,355	42.96	134	7.4	11	0.7	4,882	29.64	205	13.2	167	9.6	1,991	10.08	6,381	43.20	6,380	42.96							
	Chamran	1,773,323	6,355	42.96	134	7.4	11	0.7	4,882	29.64	205	13.2	167	9.6	1,991	10.08	6,381	43.20	6,380	42.96							
	Chamran	1,773,323	6,355	42.96	134	7.4	11	0.7	4,882	29.64	205	13.2	167	9.6	1,991	10.08	6,381	43.20	6,380	42.96							
Orissa	Barbanga	1,773,323	6,355	42.96	134	7.4	11	0.7	4,882	29.64	205	13.2	167	9.6	1,991	10.08	6,381	43.20	6,380	42.96							
	Monagpur	1,773,323	6,355	42.96	134	7.4	11	0.7	4,882	29.64	205	13.2	167	9.6	1,991	10.08	6,381	43.20	6,380	42.96							
	Bhagalpur	1,773,323	6,355	42.96	134	7.4	11	0.7	4,882	29.64	205	13.2	167	9.6	1,991	10.08	6,381	43.20	6,380	42.96							
	Bhagalpur	1,773,323	6,355	42.96	134	7.4	11	0.7	4,882	29.64	205	13.2	167	9.6	1,991	10.08	6,381	43.20	6,380	42.96							
Orissa	Patna	1,773,323	6,355	42.96	134	7.4	11	0.7	4,882	29.64	205	13.2	167	9.6	1,991	10.08	6,381	43.20	6,380	42.96							
	Patna	1,773,323	6,355	42.96	134	7.4	11	0.7	4,882	29.64	205	13.2	167	9.6	1,991	10.08	6,381	43.20	6,380	42.96							
	Patna	1,773,323	6,355	42.96	134	7.4	11	0.7	4,882	29.64	205	13.2	167	9.6	1,991	10.08	6,381	43.20	6,380	42.96							
	Patna	1,773,323	6,355	42.96	134	7.4	11	0.7	4,882	29.64	205	13.2	167	9.6	1,991	10.08	6,381	43.20	6,380	42.96							
Chota Nag- pur.	Orissa	1,773,323	6,355	42.96	134	7.4	11	0.7	4,882	29.64	205	13.2	167	9.6	1,991	10.08	6,381	43.20	6,380	42.96							
	Orissa	1,773,323	6,355	42.96	134	7.4	11	0.7	4,882	29.64	205	13.2	167	9.6	1,991	10.08	6,381	43.20	6,380	42.96							
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	Orissa	1,773,323	6,355	42.96	134	7.4	11	0.7	4,882	29.64	205	13.2	167	9.6	1,991	10.08	6,381	43.20	6,380	42.96							
Total		77,069,617	200,211	33.78	10,486	1.08	507	0.6	116,991	24.79	6,397	7.9	4,933	7.2	30,769	5.16	199,593	33.00	199,593	33.00							
Average of corresponding month of previous five years.		.....	178,073	30.90	6,434	1.06	607	0.6	123,797	20.68	4,370	7.9	3,976	6.0	28,099	4.32	165,003	27.84	165,003	27.84						
Difference + or -		.....	+22,133	+3.78	+4,012	+0.02	+100	+0.9	+23,064	+3	+2,017	+2.4	+717	+1.2	+4,670	+0.84	+84,330	+1.16	+84,330	+1.16						

H. J. L. YSON, Surgeon-Major, F.R.C.S.,
Sanitary Commissioner for Bengal.

OFFICE OF SANITARY COMMISSIONER FOR BENGAL,
The 13th November 1897.

Vital Statistics of Towns in Bengal with a population of 20,000 and over during the month of September 1897.

Districts.	Towns.	Population under registra- tion.	BIRTHS.					CHOLERA.					SMALL-POX.					FEVER.					DYSENTERY AND DIARRHEA.					OTHER CAUSES.					TOTAL OF ALL CAUSES.					AVERAGE OF CORRESPONDING MONTHS OF PRE- VIOUS FIVE YEARS.		REMARKS.
			Number registered.	Ratio per 1,000 per annum.	Number registered.	Ratio per 1,000 per annum.	Number registered.	Ratio per 1,000 per annum.	Number registered.	Ratio per 1,000 per annum.	Number registered.	Ratio per 1,000 per annum.	Number registered.	Ratio per 1,000 per annum.	Number registered.	Ratio per 1,000 per annum.	Number registered.	Ratio per 1,000 per annum.	Number registered.	Ratio per 1,000 per annum.	Number registered.	Ratio per 1,000 per annum.	Number registered.	Ratio per 1,000 per annum.	Number registered.	Ratio per 1,000 per annum.	Number registered.	Ratio per 1,000 per annum.	Number registered.	Ratio per 1,000 per annum.										
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23																				
Burdwan	1. Bardwan	34,477	49	16.68	3	60	...	...	48	14.88	26	9.00	1	9.00	...	6	2.08	74	21.19	94	27.19	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Burdwan	2. Midnapore	32,561	213	42.00	3	79	...	...	40	11.40	21	6.59	3	9.00	...	23	7.09	106	32.59	101	30.94	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Burdwan	3. H. G. and Chittagong	32,939	17	39.34	...	...	...	...	71	21.00	21	6.59	4	9.00	...	21	6.59	133	40.94	117	35.94	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Burdwan	4. Barisal	31,008	241	33.05	8	79	...	...	85	18.96	54	5.00	8	5.00	...	64	6.58	310	52.76	274	48.94	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Burdwan	5. Barisal	31,008	42	15.06	...	...	...	...	17	7.56	6	2.16	...	...	...	6	2.16	30	11.40	41	12.60	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Burdwan	6. Chittagong	31,008	42	15.06	...	...	...	...	17	7.56	6	2.16	...	...	...	6	2.16	30	11.40	41	12.60	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Burdwan	7. Barisal	31,008	42	15.06	...	...	...	...	17	7.56	6	2.16	...	...	...	6	2.16	30	11.40	41	12.60	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Burdwan	8. Barisal	31,008	42	15.06	...	...	...	...	17	7.56	6	2.16	...	...	...	6	2.16	30	11.40	41	12.60	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Burdwan	9. Barisal	31,008	42	15.06	...	...	...	...	17	7.56	6	2.16	...	...	...	6	2.16	30	11.40	41	12.60	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Burdwan	10. Barisal	31,008	42	15.06	...	...	...	...	17	7.56	6	2.16	...	...	...	6	2.16	30	11.40	41	12.60	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Burdwan	11. Barisal	31,008	42	15.06	...	...	...	...	17	7.56	6	2.16	...	...	...	6	2.16	30	11.40	41	12.60	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Burdwan	12. Barisal	31,008	42	15.06	...	...	...	...	17	7.56	6	2.16	...	...	...	6	2.16	30	11.40	41	12.60	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Burdwan	13. Barisal	31,008	42	15.06	...	...	...	...	17	7.56	6	2.16	...	...	...	6	2.16	30	11.40	41	12.60	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Burdwan	14. Barisal	31,008	42	15.06	...	...	...	...	17	7.56	6	2.16	...	...	...	6	2.16	30	11.40	41	12.60	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Burdwan	15. Barisal	31,008	42	15.06	...	...	...	...	17	7.56	6	2.16	...	...	...	6	2.16	30	11.40	41	12.60	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Burdwan	16. Barisal	31,008	42	15.06	...	...	...	...	17	7.56	6	2.16	...	...	...	6	2.16	30	11.40	41	12.60	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Burdwan	17. Barisal	31,008	42	15.06	...	...	...	...	17	7.56	6	2.16	...	...	...	6	2.16	30	11.40	41	12.60	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Burdwan	18. Barisal	31,008	42	15.06	...	...	...	...	17	7.56	6	2.16	...	...	...	6	2.16	30	11.40	41	12.60	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Burdwan	19. Barisal	31,008	42	15.06	...	...	...	...	17	7.56	6	2.16	...	...	...	6	2.16	30	11.40	41	12.60	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Burdwan	20. Barisal	31,008	42	15.06	...	...	...	...	17	7.56	6	2.16	...	...	...	6	2.16	30	11.40	41	12.60	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Burdwan	21. Barisal	31,008	42	15.06	...	...	...	...	17	7.56	6	2.16	...	...	...	6	2.16	30	11.40	41	12.60	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Burdwan	22. Barisal	31,008	42	15.06	...	...	...	...	17	7.56	6	2.16	...	...	...	6	2.16	30	11.40	41	12.60	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Burdwan	23. Barisal	31,008	42	15.06	...	...	...	...	17	7.56	6	2.16	...	...	...	6	2.16	30	11.40	41	12.60	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Burdwan	24. Barisal	31,008	42	15.06	...	...	...	...	17	7.56	6	2.16	...	...	...	6	2.16	30	11.40	41	12.60	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Burdwan	25. Barisal	31,008	42	15.06	...	...	...	...	17	7.56	6	2.16	...	...	...	6	2.16	30	11.40	41	12.60	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Burdwan	26. Barisal	31,008	42	15.06	...	...	...	...	17	7.56	6	2.16	...	...	...	6	2.16	30	11.40	41	12.60	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Burdwan	27. Barisal	31,008	42	15.06	...	...	...	...	17	7.56	6	2.16	...	...	...	6	2.16	30	11.40	41	12.60	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Burdwan	28. Barisal	31,008	42	15.06	...	...	...	...	17	7.56	6	2.16	...	...	...	6	2.16	30	11.40	41	12.60	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Burdwan	29. Barisal	31,008	42	15.06	...	...	...	...	17	7.56	6	2.16	...	...	...	6	2.16	30	11.40	41	12.60	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Burdwan	30. Barisal	31,008	42	15.06	...	...	...	...	17	7.56	6	2.16	...	...	...	6	2.16	30	11.40	41	12.60	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Burdwan	31. Barisal	31,008	42	15.06	...	...	...	...	17	7.56	6	2.16	...	...	...	6	2.16	30	11.40	41	12.60	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Burdwan	32. Barisal	31,008	42	15.06	...	...	...	...	17	7.56	6	2.16	...	...	...	6	2.16	30	11.40	41	12.60	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Burdwan	33. Barisal	31,008	42	15.06	...	...	...	...	17	7.56	6	2.16	...	...	...	6	2.16	30	11.40	41	12.60	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Burdwan	34. Barisal	31,008	42	15.06	...	...	...	...	17	7.56	6	2.16	...	...	...	6	2.16	30	11.40	41	12.60	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Burdwan	35. Barisal	31,008	42	15.06	...	...	...	...	17	7.56	6	2.16	...	...	...	6	2.16	30	11.40	41	12.60	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Burdwan	36. Barisal	31,008	42	15.06	...	...	...	...	17	7.56	6	2.16	...	...	...	6	2.16	30	11.40	41	12.60	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Burdwan	37. Barisal	31,008	42	15.06	...	...	...	...	17	7.56	6	2.16	...	...	...	6	2.16	30	11.40	41	12.60	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Burdwan	Total of all towns with a population of 20,000 and over.	2,330,945	5,151	26.88	423	2.16	43	12	3,091	18.79	920	4.80	137	60	1,903	10.08	7,039	36.84	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Burdwan	Average of the corresponding months of previous five years.	...	4,514	23.59	390	2.64	13	06	3,033	18.96	891	4.08	115	60	1,904	9.98	6,997	31.20	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Burdwan	Difference + or -	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

OFFICE OF SANITARY COMMISSIONER FOR BENGAL,
The 18th November 1897.H. J. DYSON, Surgeon-Major, F.R.C.S.,
Sanitary Commissioner for Bengal

Areas leased for Irrigation up to end of September 1897.

CIRCLE.	District.	Canal.	DETAILS OF AREAS LEASED.										Rainfall, 1896-97.		REMARKS.					
			Estimated full discharge.	Average discharge in month.	Discharge utilized.	Long-term leases.					Season leases.			Up to end of month.		During month.				
						Approximate area of land irrigated during the year up to the end of the month.	Approximate area of land under irrigation up to the same date last year.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Rabi.	Sugarcane.	Shadol.				Hot-weather.	Total.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
CHITRA.	Cuttack.	Taldanda, 1st reach	1,542	812	243	17,443	10,035	10,819	1,169	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,160	17,679	904	47 08	6 85	53 15	.....
		Ditto, 2nd "	608	233	573	32,011	15,125	3,320	1,761	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,767	32,017	14 80	41 03	6 27	49 16	.....
		Machgaon	776	573	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	32,017	17 50	51 45	6 75	52 24	.....
		Kendrapara	1,067	675	816	52,364	47,313	44,727	8,323	.....	.....	.....	.....	8,323	52,553	9 57	40 74	8 10	45 21	.....
		Gobari	373	45	41	3,857	1,450	3,857	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	7	3,877	9 28	44 14	11 44	5 76	.....
		Do extension	64	42	35	2,589	1,008	2,589	108	.....	.....	.....	.....	108	3,008	7 05	47 73	13 38	56 16	.....
		Palamundi	865	243	181	14,256	7,738	14,256	236	.....	.....	.....	.....	236	14,472	7 44	43 50	6 14	39 19	.....
		High Level, Range I	608	533	231	21,445	12,663	21,964	466	.....	.....	.....	.....	15	22,164	2 16	3 9	7 21	44 72	.....
		Ditto, do. II	777	12	13	2,868	513	2,901	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,920	3 03	43 29	5 8	42 68	.....
		Jajpur Canal, Range III	760	131	106	9,573	2,601	9,573	355	78	414	20,491	2 52	30 70	8 25	59 50
SOUTH-WEST.	Midnapore.	High Level, Range III	72	237	227	28,166	7,623	29,777	308	.....	.....	.....	414	7 2	20,491	5 84	37 03	7 36	57 43	.....
		Total	.....	.....	.....	185,103	108,718	174,905	12,758	.....	.....	.....	.....	514	13,252	187,987	.....	.....	.....	.....
		Total of the corresponding period of last year	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	108,508	13	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 71	108,594	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		Midnapore	1,611	686 73	394 08	66,741	25,567	62,031	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	62,031	6 45	47 80	4 37	46 74	.....
		Panchkura	823	80 03	73 03	7,271	3,071	7,749	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7,719	3 33	33 64	8 09	55 53	.....
		Total Ranches, Range I & II	.....	.....	.....	731	637	732	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	732	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		Total	.....	.....	.....	68,743	29,265	70,912	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	70,912	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		Total of the corresponding period of last year	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	46,707	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	46,707	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		Western Main	4,942	2,029	236	19,373	14,565	15,081	4,849	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4,849	20,465	.....	.....	.....	.....
		Ambar	1,256	924	840	80,259	70,761	81,589	21,323	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	21,323	83,329	.....	.....	.....	.....
SOUTH.	Shabhad.	Ambar	2,000	1,826	1,339	150,071	145,979	153,375	7,027	.....	.....	.....	.....	7,027	15,183	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		Eastern Main	1,440	1,212	1,047	2,096	2,315	1,657	40	.....	.....	.....	.....	40	2,158	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		Palma	.....	.....	.....	69,723	73,872	83,395	10,153	.....	.....	.....	.....	10,153	71,280	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		Total	.....	.....	.....	321,335	310,662	304,007	41,465	.....	.....	.....	.....	41,465	331,691	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		Total of the corresponding period of last year	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	292,856	86,595	.....	.....	.....	.....	86,595	319,925	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		Grand total	.....	.....	.....	575,181	445,025	509,614	64,903	.....	.....	.....	.....	64,903	638,589	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		Grand total of the corresponding period of last year	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	509,614	64,903	.....	.....	.....	.....	64,903	638,589	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		Grand total of the corresponding period of last year	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	509,614	64,903	.....	.....	.....	.....	64,903	638,589	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		Grand total of the corresponding period of last year	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	509,614	64,903	.....	.....	.....	.....	64,903	638,589	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		Grand total of the corresponding period of last year	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	509,614	64,903	.....	.....	.....	.....	64,903	638,589	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

* There are no separate leases for sugarcane on the Bone Canal. All leased fields of that crop now come under one of the other heads.

CALCUTTA,

The 16th November 1897.

O. C. LEES,
Under-Secy. to the Govt. of Bengal.

CIRCULAR AND EASTERN CANALS.

*Approximate Return of Traffic for the week ending Saturday, the 6th November 1897,
as compared with the corresponding week of the previous year.*

NATURE OF CARGO.	WEEK ENDING SATURDAY, THE 6TH NOVEMBER 1897.			WEEK ENDING SATURDAY, THE 7TH NOVEMBER 1896.		
	Number of boats.	Weight of cargo.	Tollage.	Number of boats.	Weight of cargo.	Tollage.
	No.	Mds.	Rs.	No.	Mds.	Rs.
Rice and paddy	247	20,415	242	327	29,593	396
Jute	758	2,57,885	4,236	763	1,86,926	3,300
Firewood	133	82,475	1,435	117	69,475	1,047
Other articles	961	1,80,675	2,794	1,013	2,46,975	3,177
Total	2,099	5,40,960	8,707	2,319	5,32,908	7,920

CIRCULAR AND EASTERN CANALS.

*Approximate Return of traffic for the week ending Saturday, the 13th November 1897, as
compared with the corresponding week of the previous year.*

NATURE OF CARGO.	WEEK ENDING SATURDAY, THE 13TH NOVEMBER 1897.			WEEK ENDING SATURDAY, THE 14TH NOVEMBER 1896.		
	Number of boats.	Weight of cargo.	Tollage.	Number of boats.	Weight of cargo.	Tollage.
	No.	Mds.	Rs.	No.	Mds.	Rs.
Rice and paddy	268	26,080	346	328	22,935	287
Jute	664	2,35,845	4,244	590	1,65,855	2,770
Firewood	89	57,345	831	96	61,175	863
Other articles	1,158	2,61,735	3,237	1,125	2,95,952	3,430
Total	2,174	5,80,795	8,654	2,043	5,35,917	7,340

EAST INDIAN RAILWAY.

Statement of Goods Traffic in Staples carried during the four weeks ending 25th September 1897, as compared with the same period of 1896.

STAPLES.	1896.		1897.		INCREASE.		DECREASE.	
	Weight.	Freight.	Weight.	Freight.	Weight.	Freight.	Weight.	Freight.
	Mds.	Rs.	Mds.	Rs.	Mds.	Rs.	Mds.	Rs.
Coal & Coke carried for the public and foreign railways	61,26,677	8,22,491	71,53,700	9,40,480	10,07,032	1,17,988	...	...
Cotton, raw	53,676	33,860	33,801	23,611	...	...	20,787	10,268
Cotton, manufactured—								
1.—Twist & Yarn, European	4,691	4,838	6,288	6,028	1,604	1,190	...	...
2.—Ditto, Indian	27,527	17,693	34,873	14,454	7,346	761	...	...
3.—Piece-goods—European	85,757	88,168	1,23,745	1,26,170	37,988	48,011	...	...
4.—Ditto—Indian	14,934	9,929	21,430	12,486	6,496	2,557	...	...
Drugs and Chemicals—								
1.—Intoxicating, other than opium	184	115	408	219	219	104	...	...
2.—Non-intoxicating	7,419	6,819	2,394	8,087	916	1,708	...	...
Dyes and Tans—								
1.—Indigo	1,885	1,436	2,361	898	396	...	...	...
2.—Myrabolams	8,917	1,294	11,204	2,526	2,287	1,228	...	...
3.—Cutch	2,598	820	1,824	847	...	27	772	...
4.—Turmeric	5,309	2,724	6,736	7,072	3,427	4,348	...	...
5.—Aniline dyes	89	61	38	21	...	...	51	40
6.—Others	573	137	828	593	255	456	...	...
Grain and Pulse—								
1.—Wheat	2,55,494	1,09,380	5,16,936	1,63,572	1,63,452	54,182	...	...
2.—Rice in the husk	1,88,991	26,833	1,04,614	15,041	...	...	84,383	10,792
3.—Rice not in the husk	6,93,778	82,152	6,63,315	1,76,440	69,537	93,498	...	...
4.—Jowar and bajra	24,581	6,297	29,075	6,576	4,554	279	...	...
5.—Gram & pulse	3,08,633	84,872	2,34,103	53,121	...	...	74,530	31,781
6.—Others	1,78,525	50,045	1,81,804	42,280	3,079	...	...	8,386
Hides and Skins—								
1.—Hides of cattle	20,113	15,213	48,887	23,485	12,274	5,272	...	...
2.—Skins of sheep, &c.	11,840	5,910	18,722	7,125	7,032	3,216	...	...
Horns	2,903	1,897	1,703	887	...	...	1,291	1,310
Jute—								
1.—Raw	1,63,904	43,061	91,253	13,000	...	...	72,741	30,061
2.—Gunny-bags and cloth	60,138	27,600	61,518	33,534	1,380	5,934	...	...
Leo—								
1.—Stick	22,173	8,614	23,733	12,226	11,560	3,612	...	...
2.—Shell	18,853	16,318	25,280	18,446	6,627	2,124	...	...
Leather, manufactured	4,304	5,468	6,650	6,773	2,346	1,305	...	...
Liquors—								
1.—Beer	10,271	6,556	9,985	4,225	...	...	976	2,361
2.—Spirits	1,258	1,838	1,809	2,318	361	450	...	...
3.—Wines	2,484	3,698	3,602	4,568	1,118	690	...	...
Metals—								
1.—Copper, unwrought	483	1,078	589	344	...	...	153	734
2.—Brass, ditto	1,881	702	1,084	641	...	...	867	61
3.—Copper, wrought	494	559	1,008	440	514	...	...	119
4.—Brass, ditto	13,710	6,161	16,429	7,305	4,788	1,144	...	...
5.—Iron	1,66,803	66,770	2,04,585	66,848	47,782	...	...	1,522
6.—Others	9,318	6,866	8,342	6,124	...	...	976	1,743
7.—Zinc & spelter	1,301	682	2,097	1,168	896	516	...	...
Oil—								
1.—Kerosine	1,08,304	45,078	1,54,273	57,664	51,969	12,786	...	...
2.—Castor	5,439	971	2,840	854	...	...	619	137
3.—Coconut	3,334	1,191	5,785	2,715	2,451	1,534	...	...
4.—Others	11,721	6,765	12,424	5,389	703	...	...	1,396
Oil-seeds—								
1.—Linseed	2,35,614	55,844	1,60,074	40,588	...	...	65,440	45,246
2.—Rape and mustard	1,65,487	41,846	1,64,061	33,585	...	...	5,526	8,241
3.—Til or jinjill	4,191	713	4,058	963	...	190	...	...
4.—Poppy	25,258	6,551	15,903	4,004	...	...	11,355	2,847
5.—Earthnuts	24	21	36	10	...	...	8	11
6.—Castor	15,946	2,971	73,405	18,818	58,549	13,447	...	...
7.—Others	1,363	244	32,947	8,034	31,082	8,790	...	...
Opium	65	29	286	396	230	367	...	...
Paper and pasteboard	16,147	6,228	16,078	7,240	926	1,012	...	...
Provisions—								
1.—Ghee	40,843	33,020	40,290	27,937	5,447	...	...	5,663
2.—Dried fruits and nuts	8,862	2,979	14,479	5,408	8,617	2,429	...	...
3.—Others	53,381	14,803	62,765	23,176	9,374	8,371	...	...
4.—Potatoes	69,763	25,413	59,348	18,400	...	...	466	7,013
Railway plant & rolling-stock carried for the public & foreign railways—								
1.—Locomotive engines & tenders & parts thereof	...	...	27	7	27	7	...	...
2.—Carriages & trucks & parts thereof	...	...	6,812	1,431	6,812	1,431	...	...
3.—Steel rails & fish-plates	31,085	887	60,232	20,435	29,147	19,508	...	...
4.—Sleepers & keys of steel & cast iron	...	...	26,985	2,028	26,985	2,028	...	...
5.—Other sorts	1,21,324	22,048	92,506	17,445	...	...	28,418	4,608
Salt	4,60,904	84,112	5,29,975	97,772	79,011	13,660	...	...
Saltpetre, &c.—								
1.—Saltpetre	40,883	16,229	23,098	9,263	...	...	17,785	3,966
2.—Other saline substances	31,567	10,498	42,751	12,571	11,194	2,073	...	...
Silk, raw—								
1.—Foreign	...	...	251	21	231	21	...	...
2.—Indian	931	556	708	361	...	...	225	204
Silk piece-goods—								
1.—Foreign	107	202	83	193	...	...	55	9
2.—Indian	251	176	197	246	...	70	54	...

STAPLES.	1896.		1897.		INCREASE.		DECREASE.	
	Weight.	Freight.	Weight.	Freight.	Weight.	Freight.	Weight.	Freight.
	Mds.	Rs.	Mds.	Rs.	Mds.	Rs.	Mds.	Rs.
<i>Spices—</i>								
1.—Betel-nuts ...	14,785	14,613	22,483	22,914	7,697	8,301	...	...
2.—Pepper ...	1,811	1,666	3,010	2,361	1,208	695	...	...
3.—Ginger ...	3,768	1,211	2,743	1,034	15	427	...	...
4.—Chillies ...	2,540	1,087	5,525	2,295	3,185	1,208	...	...
5.—Cardamoms ...	547	670	826	961	279	282	...	...
6.—Others ...	846	626	2,248	1,286	1,402	840	...	...
Stones and lime ...	3,43,003	51,085	3,30,330	46,903	...	...	12,833	4,732
<i>Sugar—</i>								
1.—Refined ...	14,093	6,360	23,803	13,554	9,710	6,174	...	...
2.—Unrefined ...	1,20,177	16,179	1,61,103	24,316	40,930	16,146	...	...
<i>Tea—</i>								
1.—Foreign ...	6,020	3,376	4,560	3,170	...	...	1,460	303
2.—Indian ...	56,288	9,633	59,061	16,918	42,373	9,383	...	...
Timber ...	37,119	18,197	45,007	19,204	8,688	1,007	...	...
Tobacco ...	1,408	1,196	2,800	1,603	1,311	400	...	...
<i>Wool, raw ...</i>								
<i>Wool, manufactured—</i>								
1.—Piece-goods, European ...	945	2,001	1,830	4,336	874	2,335	...	...
2.—Indian ...	3,066	3,070	4,571	3,564	1,515	1,494	...	...
3.—Shawls ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
All other articles of merchandise—								
1.—Firewood ...	16,717	804	10,992	493	...	...	5,725	311
2.—Indigo seed ...	10,025	2,670	21,267	4,530	10,342	2,010	...	...
3.—Mowah flower ...	18,613	4,465	22,301	4,656	4,688	251	...	...
4.—Oil-cake ...	45,093	9,105	55,481	8,322	10,388	...	...	283
5.—Paints & colours ...	5,034	2,764	6,725	2,000	1,691	215	...	...
6.—Seeds other than oilseeds ...	39,067	16,511	42,789	19,407	3,802	2,956	...	...
7.—Wooden articles ...	13,889	4,760	11,191	6,459	...	1,079	2,006	...
8.—Others ...	3,68,612	1,36,114	4,93,604	1,46,132	1,34,123	10,068	...	...
Total ...	1,10,31,649	23,91,339	1,36,23,391	23,97,869	10,01,742	3,06,470	...	...
Military stores ...	39,095	23,928	23,397	23,694	...	29,636	6,803	...
Coal for railway ...	7,73,961	50,333	8,01,866	58,695	1,17,895	...	...	63
Railway materials ...	11,49,161	33,024	14,00,697	48,834	2,20,686	15,208	...	...
Live-stock ...	...	6,185	...	26,690	...	17,405	...	...
Total ...	1,39,83,866	24,15,473	1,50,17,381	27,63,853	20,33,515	3,08,879	...	...

C. W. CLARKE, Assistant Auditor.

TRAFFIC AUDIT OFFICE, GOODS DIVISION, JAMALPUR, the 9th November 1897.

EASTERN BENGAL STATE RAILWAY.

Abstract of principal Commodities carried over the Eastern Bengal State Railway during the month of August 1897, as compared with the same month of the previous year.

STAPLES.	1897.		1896.		Total.		Increase.	Decrease.
	Up.	Down.	Up.	Down.	1897.	1896.		
	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
Coal and Coke carried for the Public and Foreign Railways.	3,863	9,013	5,843	4,709	12,866	10,582	2,314	.....
Cotton, raw	5	109	1	107	114	108	6	.....
Cotton, manufactured—								
Twist and yarn, European	271	22	443	.....	293	443	.....	150
Ditto, Indian	165	7	223	74	172	297	.....	125
Piece-goods, European	1,792	8	1,701	13	1,800	1,774	26	.....
Ditto, Indian	30	1	35	1	31	36	.....	5
Drugs and Chemicals—								
Intoxicating, other than opium	.....	7	4	.....	7	4	3	.....
Non-intoxicating—								
Cinchona bark	.....	4	30	.....	33	20	13	.....
Others	29	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Dyes and Tans—								
Indigo	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Myrabolanis	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cutch	.....	.....	53	.....	53	.....	.....	63
Turmeric	8	85	19	51	93	100	.....	7
Aniline dyes	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Others	13	4	32	6	16	38	.....	23
Grain and pulses—								
Wheat	39	1	18	38	30	41	.....	11
Rice in the husk	1,850	1,247	1,575	1,148	2,697	2,821	.....	234
Rice not in the husk	5,932	616	6,261	1,898	6,578	7,639	.....	961
Jowar and bajra	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Gram and pulses	840	1,191	1,435	2,011	2,040	3,436	.....	1,396
Others	12	48	15	.....	60	15	45	.....
Hides and skins—								
Hides of cattle—								
Dressed or tanned	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Raw	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Skins of sheep, &c.—	9	522	5	436	531	441	90	.....
Dressed or tanned	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Raw	3	3	.....	.....	6	.....	6	.....
Horns	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Jute—								
Raw	299	44,401	172	67,002	44,700	67,834	.....	23,134
Gunny-bags and cloth	247	224	171	400	471	571	.....	100
Lac—								
Stick	.....	8	.....	30	8	30	.....	22
Shell	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Leather, manufactured	3	.....	8	1	3	9	.....	6
Liquors—								
Beer	25	1	33	.....	26	33	.....	7
Spirits	3	.....	4	.....	3	4	.....	1
Wines	63	.....	60	.....	63	60	3	.....
Metals—								
Copper, unwrought	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Brass, ditto	15	.....	20	.....	15	20	.....	5
Copper, wrought	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Brass, do.	196	76	134	38	372	176	86	.....
Iron	1,175	72	1,023	105	1,247	1,189	58	.....
Others	67	13	88	25	90	113	.....	23
Oils—								
Kerosine	6,800	84	5,754	11	6,854	5,765	1,089	.....
Castor	15	.....	12	.....	15	12	3	.....
Cocconut	155	.....	74	.....	155	74	81	.....
Others	231	4	267	3	235	370	.....	135
Oilseeds—								
Linseed	4	694	.....	238	698	238	660	.....
Bape and mustard	116	2,850	216	785	2,972	981	1,991	.....
Til or linjil	3	430	.....	185	437	185	252	.....
Poppy	.....	.....	6	.....	.....	6	.....	6
Barbanuts	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Castor	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Others	3	70	17	34	73	51	22	.....
Opium	95	115	153	100	310	263	.....	47
Paper and pasteboard	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Provisions—								
Ghee	33	1	43	3	33	46	.....	13
Dried fruits and nuts	19	.....	38	.....	19	38	.....	19
Others	576	334	697	308	900	1,005	.....	105
Railway plant and rolling-stock carried for the Public and Foreign Railways—								
Locomotives, engines, and tenders and parts thereof	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Carriages and trucks and parts thereof	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Materials—								
Steel rails and fish-plates, sleepers, and keys of steel and cast-iron.	271	1	.....	.....	272	.....	272	.....
Other sorts	760	2	53	1	762	.....	769	.....
Salt	4,340	145	4,015	95	4,538	6,110	.....	1,572
Saltpetre, &c.—								
Saltpetre	1	.....	95	319	1	414	.....	413
Other saline substances	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Silk, raw—								
Foreign	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Indian	.....	21	.....	19	31	19	2	.....

STAPLES.	1897.		1896.		Total.		Increase.	Decrease.
	Up.	Down.	Up.	Down.	1897.	1896.		
Milk piece-goods—								
Foreign
Indian—								
Muga
Endi
Spices—								
Betel-nuts
Pepper
Ginger
Chillies
Cardamoms
Others
Stone and lime
Sugar—								
Refined or crystallized, including sugar-candy.
Unrefined, viz., molasses and jaggery or gur, and other saccharine produce.
Tea—								
Foreign
Indian
Timber
Tobacco—								
Unmanufactured
Manufactured—								
Cigars
Other sorts
Wool, raw
Wool, manufactured—								
Piece-goods, European
Ditto, Indian
Shawls
All other articles of merchandise
Total

CALCUTTA, the 9th November 1897.

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Weekly Return of Traffic Receipts on Indian Railways.

EAST INDIAN RAILWAY.

Approximate Return of Traffic for week ended 30th October 1897 on 1,702.46 miles open.

	COACHING TRAFFIC.		MERCHANDISE AND MINERAL TRAFFIC.		Other earnings (estimated).	Total earnings.	TRAFFIC TRAIN-MILES RUN.		
	Number of passengers.	Coaching receipts.	Weight carried.	Receipts.			Coaching.	Merchandise.	Total.
Total traffic for the week ...	280,101	Rs. A. P. 3,40,136 4 0	Mds. S. 35,93,443 10	Rs. A. P. 7,46,600 0 0	Rs. A. P. 20,185 0 0	Rs. A. P. 11,06,021 4 0	93,413	1,48,776	242,189
Or per mile of railway ...	164 12 8	20 12 8	21 12 8	43 8 8	11 13 8	650 3 0	.....	.....	.....
For previous 164 weeks of half-year ...	*4,703,211	*48,94,852 5 0	*35,01,19,840 30	1,10,72,778 13 0	23,57,893 0 0	1,69,25,524 2 0	1,512,454	2,297,344	3,809,798
Total for 174 weeks ...	4,983,312	52,34,988 9 0	5,37,15,093 0	1,24,19,378 13 0	3,78,078 0 0	1,80,32,445 6 0	1,605,867	2,446,120	4,051,987
COMPARISON.									
Total for corresponding week of previous year ...	273,361	3,47,408 2 3	37,92,920 10	8,25,583 12 9	22,007 12 9	11,95,089 11 0	87,400	142,678	230,078
Or per mile of railway corresponding week of previous year ...	.....	204 4 5	.....	485 5 2	12 15 0	702 8 7	.....	.....	.....
Total for corresponding 174 weeks of previous year ...	5,101,685	52,48,778 15 4	5,59,30,678 20	1,07,55,174 11 6	3,52,897 14 5	1,63,86,851 3 3	1,467,378	2,144,638	3,611,916

* Deducted number of passengers 1,050 and added Rs. 5,081 }
 † Added maunds 2,43,994 and deducted .. 6,864 } on account of difference between the approximate and audited figures for the week ended 4th
 ‡ Do. .. 3,453 } September 1897.

EAST INDIAN RAILWAY.

Approximate Return of Traffic for the week ended 6th November 1897 on 1,702.46 miles open.

	COACHING TRAFFIC.		MERCHANDISE AND MINERAL TRAFFIC.		Other earnings (estimated).	Total earnings.	TRAFFIC TRAIN-MILES RUN.		
	Number of passengers.	Coaching receipts.	Weight carried.	Receipts.			Coaching.	Merchandise.	Total.
Total traffic for the week ...	(a) 313,301	Rs. A. P. (a) 3,99,405 2 0	Mds. S. 39,49,120 0	Rs. A. P. 8,05,639 5 0	Rs. A. P. 20,724 6 0	Rs. A. P. 12,25,768 7 0	94,736	159,181	253,917
Or per mile of railway ...	.....	234 9 8	23 4 8	473 3 7	12 2 9	720 9 0	.....	.....	.....
For previous 174 weeks of half-year ...	*4,998,247	*52,88,456 9 0	*35,30,04,099 30	1,24,14,332 13 0	24,18,859 0 0	1,81,22,608 0 0	1,605,867	2,446,120	4,051,987
Total for 184 weeks ...	5,311,548	56,87,861 11 0	5,76,42,825 0	1,32,19,908 2 0	4,40,583 0 0	1,93,48,436 13 0	1,700,693	2,604,301	4,304,994
COMPARISON.									
Total for corresponding week of previous year ...	257,061	3,47,470 8 0	35,94,765 30	8,04,359 13 3	20,416 12 9	11,72,247 2 0	91,573	143,625	235,198
Or per mile of railway corresponding week of previous year ...	.....	204 4 2	.....	472 13 0	12 0 1	689 1 9	.....	.....	.....
Total for corresponding 184 weeks of previous year ...	5,338,746	55,96,246 7 4	5,95,34,444 10	1,15,59,534 2 0	3,73,314 11 2	1,75,59,098 5 3	1,558,950	2,287,360	3,846,310

(a) The increase is in outward traffic.
 * Added number of passengers 14,935 and Rs. 53,468 }
 † Deducted Mds. 18,394 and .. 5,026 } on account of difference between the approximate and audited figures for the week ended 11th
 ‡ Added .. 41,781 } September 1897.

TARKESSUR BRANCH RAILWAY.

Approximate Return of Traffic for week ended 30th October 1897 on 22.23 miles open.

	COACHING TRAFFIC.		MERCHANDISE AND MINERAL TRAFFIC.		Other earnings (estimated).	Total earnings.	TRAFFIC TRAIN-MILES RUN.		
	Number of passengers.	Coaching receipts.	Weight carried.	Receipts.			Coaching.	Merchandise.	Total.
Total traffic for the week ...	(a) 19,978	Rs. A. P. (a) 4,631 11 0	Mds. S. 11,885 10	Rs. A. P. 532 12 0	Rs. A. P. 5 0 0	Rs. A. P. 5,169 7 0	1,118	60	1,178
Or per mile of railway ...	.....	207 14 5	.....	23 15 6	0 3 7	232 1 6	.....	.....	.....
For previous 164 weeks of half-year ...	*321,454	*75,085 6 0	*1,43,261 10	16,020 10 9	397 0 0	81,203 0 0	18,160	1,517	19,677
Total for 174 weeks ...	341,432	79,707 1 0	1,55,146 20	6,553 6 0	102 0 0	89,502 7 0	19,297	1,577	20,874
COMPARISON.									
Total for corresponding week of previous year ...	21,934	5,369 4 4	17,697 10	761 8 0	10 10	6,141 6 4	1,072	116	1,188
Or per mile of railway corresponding week of previous year ...	.....	241 8 6	.....	34 4 1	0 7 8	276 4 3	.....	.....	.....
Total for corresponding 174 weeks of previous year ...	363,265	85,749 4 10	1,64,086 0	6,733 8 0	170 13 3	92,638 9 1	19,613	1,111	20,724

† Added No. of passengers 874 and Rs. 14 }
 ‡ Ditto maunds 65 and deducted .. 2 } on account of difference between the approximate and audited figures for the week ended 4th September
 1897.
 (a) The decrease is chiefly in outward traffic at Tarkeessur.

TARKESSUR BRANCH RAILWAY.

Approximate Return of Traffic for the week ended 6th November 1897 on 22.23 miles open.

	COACHING TRAFFIC.		MERCHANDISE AND MINERAL TRAFFIC.		Other earnings (estimated).	Total earnings.	TRAFFIC TRAIN-MILES RUN.		
	Number of passengers.	Coaching receipts.	Weight carried.	Receipts.			Coaching.	Merchandise.	Total.
		Rs. A. P.	Mds. S.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.			
Total traffic for the week ...	(b) 22,945	(b) 5,955 4 0	14,592 30	660 12 0	4 0 0	6,616 0 0	1,124	64	1,188
Or per mile of railway ...	.....	257 14 3	.....	30 8 8	0 2 11	297 9 10	.....	.....	.....
For previous 17½ weeks of half-year ...	*343,656	*79,827 1 0	*1,56,750 20	*19,867 6 0	*100 0 0	*86,494 7 0	19,297	1,677	20,974
Total for 18½ weeks ...	366,601	85,782 5 0	1,71,283 10	7,924 2 0	104 0 0	93,110 7 0	20,421	1,641	22,062
COMPARISON.									
Total for corresponding week of previous year ...	19,339	4,603 13 3	11,493 30	549 5 0	9 0 0	5,362 2 3	1,099	89	1,188
Per mile of railway corresponding week of previous year ...	.....	216 1 7	.....	24 11 4	0 6 6	241 3 5	.....	.....	.....
Total for corresponding 18½ weeks of previous year ...	352,603½	90,553 2 1	1,65,540 30	7,387 13 0	179 12 3	95,090 11 4	20,712	1200	21,912

(b) The increase is in outward traffic. Added number of passengers 2,124 and Rs. 120 } on account of difference between the approximate and audited figures for the week ended 11th September 1897.
 † Added Mds. 1,584 and .. 14 }
 ‡ Deducted .. 2 }

DELHI-UMBALLA-KALKA RAILWAY.

Approximate Return of Traffic for the week ended 30th October 1897 on 160.47 miles open.

	COACHING TRAFFIC.		MERCHANDISE AND MINERAL TRAFFIC.		Other earnings (estimated).	Total earnings.	TRAFFIC TRAIN-MILES RUN.		
	Number of passengers.	Coaching receipts.	Weight carried.	Receipts.			Coaching.	Merchandise.	Total.
		Rs. A. P.	Mds. S.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.			
Total traffic for the week ...	13,157	17,374 5 0	1,01,809 10	16,985 7 0	78 0 0	34,407 12 0	7,010	3,443	10,453
Or per mile of railway ...	.....	108 4 4	.....	105 10 7	0 7 9	214 6 8	.....	.....	.....
For previous 16½ weeks of half-year ...	*266,858	*3,02,828 1 0	*12,65,636 30	*12,07,126 12 0	1,261 0 0	5,11,215 13 0	132,337	68,152	200,489
Total for 17½ weeks ...	280,015	3,20,202 6 0	13,67,445 0	2,24,082 3 0	1,539 0 0	5,45,623 9 0	133,347	71,625	204,972
COMPARISON.									
Total for corresponding week of previous year ...	16,644½	17,355 2 5	79,875 0	11,035 10 0	68 9 3	20,079 5 8	6,769	3,582	10,351
Per mile of railway corresponding week of previous year ...	.....	109 2 5	.....	72 8 2	0 8 10	121 3 5	.....	.....	.....
Total for corresponding 17½ weeks of previous year ...	268,840½	2,68,833 1 4	12,50,425 0	1,52,072 5 0	1,094 7 4	4,11,999 13 8	116,267	58,075	174,342

* Added number of passengers 1,193 and Rs. 4,444 } on account of difference between the approximate and audited figures for the week ended 4th September 1897.
 † Do. Mds. 11,878 and .. 1,955 }

DELHI-UMBALLA-KALKA RAILWAY.

Approximate Return of Traffic for week ended 6th November 1897 on 160.47 miles open.

	COACHING TRAFFIC.		MERCHANDISE AND MINERAL TRAFFIC.		Other earnings (estimated).	Total earnings.	TRAFFIC TRAIN-MILES RUN.		
	Number of passengers.	Coaching receipts.	Weight carried.	Receipts.			Coaching.	Merchandise.	Total.
		Rs. A. P.	Mds. S.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.			
Total traffic for the week ...	17,364	(c) 9,113 1 0	1,18,099 10	16,933 13 0	90 0 0	36,145 14 0	7,344	3,582	10,926
Or per mile of railway ...	.....	119 1 9	.....	105 8 5	0 9 10	225 4 0	.....	.....	.....
For previous 17½ weeks of half-year ...	*281,438	*3,31,068 6 0	*14,04,431 0	*12,24,947 3 0	*11,402 0 0	5,57,467 9 0	129,347	71,625	200,972
Total for 18½ weeks ...	298,802	3,52,171 7 0	15,22,440 10	2,41,851 0 0	1,551 0 0	5,99,013 7 0	144,691	75,147	219,838
COMPARISON.									
Total for corresponding week of previous year ...	15,267	21,994 0 9	70,894 20	11,691 5 0	120 12 0	33,206 4 9	7,310	3,466	10,776
Per mile of railway corresponding week of previous year ...	.....	157 1 0	.....	69 1 11	0 13 0	206 14 11	.....	.....	.....
Total for corresponding 18½ weeks of previous year ...	314,107½	2,90,827 2 1	16,21,419 20	1,63,163 18 0	1,215 3 4	4,44,206 2 5	125,567	61,561	187,128

(c) The decrease is in outward traffic. Added number of passengers 1,123 and Rs. 10,856 } on account of difference between the approximate and audited figures for the week ended 11th September 1897.
 † Ditto Mds. 36,985 and .. 363 }
 ‡ Ditto .. 115 }

EASTERN BENGAL STATE RAILWAY.

(INCLUDING N. B., DACCA, K.-D., AND ASSAM-BEHAR SECTIONS.)

Approximate Return of Traffic and Mileage for the week ended 6th November 1897 on 817 miles open.

	COACHING TRAFFIC.		MERCHANDISE AND MINERAL TRAFFIC.		Other earnings (including ferry).	Total earnings.	TRAFFIC TRAIN-MILES RUN.		
	Number of passengers.	Coaching receipts.	Weight carried.	Receipts.			Coaching.	Merchandise.	Total.
		Rs. A. P.	Mds. S.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.			
Total traffic for the week ...	199,820	1,09,210 0 0	11,58,230 0	2,85,530 0 0	14,700 0 0	4,09,490 0 0	31,850	54,448	86,298
Or per mile of railway ...	245	134 0 0	1,418 0	349 0 0	1 0 0	494 0 0	.....	.....	.....
For previous 17 weeks of half-year ...	2,900,229	13,78,030 0 0	1,72,24,761 0	37,23,025 0 0	2,80,383 0 0	33,82,038 0 0	555,865	714,476	1,270,341
Total for 18 weeks ...	3,100,049	14,87,240 0 0	1,83,82,991 0	40,09,145 0 0	2,95,143 0 0	37,91,528 0 0	587,715	768,924	1,356,639
COMPARISON.									
Total for corresponding period of previous year ...	297,669	1,14,894 0 0	11,66,206 0	2,58,444 0 0	12,732 0 0	3,86,070 0 0	32,103	46,650	80,953
Or per mile of railway corresponding week of previous year ...	255	141 0 0	1,433 0	318 0 0	1 0 0	460 0 0	.....	.....	.....
Total to corresponding date of previous year ...	2,702,924	16,76,614 0 0	2,03,53,196 0	43,51,218 0 0	3,12,840 0 0	33,40,672 0 0	570,253	792,863	1,372,116

* Excluding steamer earnings.

† Audited up to 18th September 1897.

DACCA STATE RAILWAY.

Approximate Return of Traffic and Mileage for the week ended 6th November 1897 on 86 miles open.

	COACHING TRAFFIC.		MERCHANDISE AND MINERAL TRAFFIC.		Other earnings.	Total earnings.	TRAFFIC TRAIN-MILES RUN.		
	Number of passengers.	Coaching receipts.	Weight carried.	Receipts.			Coaching.	Merchandise.	Total.
		Rs. A. P.	Mds. S.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.			
Total traffic for the week ...	23,020	9,200 0 0	49,270 0	5,210 0 0	70 0 0	14,600 0 0	2,577	1,700	4,277
Or per mile of railway ...	263	108 0 0	573 0	61 0 0	1 0 0	170 0 0	.....	.....	.....
For previous 17 weeks of half-year ...	347,044	1,15,286 0 0	613,313 0	50,032 0 0	2,925 0 0	1,68,243 0 0	43,220	24,698	67,918
Total for 18 weeks* ...	370,064	1,24,576 0 0	662,583 0	55,272 0 0	2,995 0 0	1,82,843 0 0	45,797	26,457	72,254
COMPARISON.									
Total for corresponding week of previous year ...	20,192	7,191 0 0	40,115 0	3,225 0 0	72 0 0	10,488 0 0	2,103	1,232	3,335
Or per mile of railway corresponding week of previous year ...	235	84 0 0	466 0	37 0 0	1 0 0	122 0 0	.....	.....	.....
Total to corresponding date of previous year ...	400,397	1,36,353 0 0	624,631 0	50,949 0 0	3,913 0 0	1,91,115 0 0	42,397	25,637	68,034

* Audited up to 18th September 1897.

BENGAL CENTRAL RAILWAY COMPANY, LIMITED.

Approximate Return of Traffic and Mileage for the week ended 30th October 1897 on 135 miles open.

	COACHING TRAFFIC.		MERCHANDISE AND MINERAL TRAFFIC.		Other earnings.	Total earnings.	TRAFFIC TRAIN-MILES RUN.		
	Number of passengers.	Coaching receipts.	Weight carried.	Receipts.			Coaching.	Merchandise.	Total.
		Rs. A. P.	Mds. S.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.			
Total traffic for the week ...	27,690	12,749 0 0	1,01,895 0	12,070 0 0	89 0 0	24,908 0 0	3,770	4,496	8,266
Or per mile of railway ...	222	102 0 0	816 0	98 0 0	1 0 0	199 0 0	.....	.....	.....
For previous 16 weeks of half-year ...	467,956	1,82,637 0 0	12,35,128 0	1,90,388 0 0	3,004 0 0	3,70,229 0 0	63,378	175,165	244,543
Total for 17 weeks ...	495,646	1,95,586 0 0	22,37,021 0	2,02,458 0 0	3,093 0 0	4,01,137 0 0	72,649	179,651	252,300
COMPARISON.									
Total for corresponding week of previous year ...	31,300	11,486 0 0	1,03,316 0	8,611 0 0	233 0 0	20,330 0 0	3,950	2,938	6,888
Or per mile of railway corresponding week of previous year ...	250	92 0 0	827 0	69 0 0	2 0 0	163 0 0	.....	.....	.....
Total to corresponding date of previous year ...	374,115	1,62,614 0 0	18,07,318 0	1,73,494 0 0	3,520 0 0	3,50,628 0 0	64,689	62,073	126,762

* Audited up to week ending 21st August 1897.

BENGAL CENTRAL RAILWAY COMPANY, LIMITED.

Approximate Return of Traffic and Mileage for the week ended 6th November 1897 on 126 miles open.

	COACHING TRAFFIC.		MERCHANDISE AND MINERAL TRAFFIC.		Other earnings.	Total earnings.	TRAFFIC TRAIN-MILES RUN		
	Number of passengers.	Coaching receipts.	Weight carried.	Receipts.			Coaching.	Merchandise.	Total.
		Rs. A. P.	Mds. S.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.			
Total traffic for the week ...	30,071	14,529 0 0	1,20,413 0	14,201 0 0	103 0 0	28,833 0 0	3,784	4,350	8,134
Or per mile of railway ...	241	116 0 0	963 0	114 0 0	1 0 0	231 0 0	...	...	...
For previous 17 weeks of half-year ...	496,752	1,04,751 0 0	21,17,021 0	2,02,241 0 0	3,171 0 0	4,00,163 0 0	72,090	80,203	152,293
Total for 18 weeks ...	526,823	2,09,280 0 0	22,38,334 0	2,16,442 0 0	3,274 0 0	4,28,096 0 0	75,880	84,553	160,433
COMPARISON.									
Total for corresponding week of previous year ...	32,988	11,771 0 0	98,785 0	8,150 0 0	127 0 0	20,048 0 0	4,001	3,100	7,101
Per mile of railway corresponding week of previous year ...	264	94 0 0	790 0	65 0 0	1 0 0	160 0 0	...	...	...
Total to corresponding date of previous year ...	607,102	1,04,385 0 0	19,06,098 0	1,81,644 0 0	3,647 0 0	3,79,676 0 0	68,690	66,182	134,872

* Audited up to week ending 4th September 1897.

BENGAL AND NORTH-WESTERN RAILWAY.

(INCLUDES TIRHUT STATE RAILWAY.)

Approximate Return of Traffic for week ending 30th October 1897 on 815 miles open.

	COACHING TRAFFIC.		MERCHANDISE AND MINERAL TRAFFIC.		Other earnings (estimated), including steam-boat.	Total earnings.	TRAFFIC TRAIN-MILES RUN		
	Number of passengers.	Receipts.	Weight carried.	Receipts.			Coaching.	Merchandise.	Total.
		Rs.	Mds.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.			
Total traffic for the week on 815 miles open ...	87,500	(a) 40,840	380,130	(b) 44,830	18,090	(b) 98,760	18,352	(c) 20,179	38,531
Or per mile of railway ...	120'00	50'11	468'42	55'01	18'06	121'18	...	...	...
For previous 16½ weeks of half-year (d) ...	1,651,023	6,18,261	61,86,144	7,34,864	1,96,459	15,49,564	301,209	329,640	630,849
Total for 17½ weeks ...	1,749,423	6,59,101	68,66,274	7,79,694	2,09,549	16,48,344	319,051	349,877	668,928
COMPARISON.									
Total for corresponding week of previous year on 766 miles open ...	92,328	38,967	5,04,399	56,576	14,161	1,09,724	13,004	(e) 18,586	31,590
Per mile of railway corresponding week of previous year ...	122'12	51'57	667'19	74'84	18'73	145'14	...	...	...
Total to corresponding date of previous year ...	1,642,505	6,20,753	65,42,984	7,65,864	1,79,572	15,85,219	243,295	298,081	541,376

(a) Increase in coaching due to passengers returning from *malas*, and opening of extensions.

(b) Decrease in goods traffic due to stationary prices.

(c) Includes 3,074 miles of ballast trains run on open line.

(d) " audited figures up to week ending 4th September 1897.

(e) " Nil miles of ballast trains run on open line.

ASSAM-BENGAL RAILWAY.

Approximate Return of Traffic for the week ended 30th October 1897 on 274 miles open for all descriptions of Traffic and an additional 12 miles for parcels and goods traffic only.

	COACHING TRAFFIC.		MERCHANDISE AND MINERAL TRAFFIC.		Other earnings (estimated).	Total earnings.	TRAFFIC TRAIN-MILES RUN.		
	Number of passengers.	Coaching receipts.	Weight carried.	Receipts.			Coaching.	Merchandise.	Total.
		Rs. A. P.	Mds. S.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.			
Total traffic for the week ...	18,883	12,072 0 0	1,97,005 0	7,680 0 0	773 0 0	20,504 0 0	2,984	8,710	11,694
Or per mile of railway ...	68'91	44'06	690'02	28'78	2'70	75'54	10'89	12'97	23'86
For previous 16 weeks of half-year ...	315,001	1,13,648 0 0	24,00,991 0	1,00,061 0 0	8,143 0 0	2,21,852 0 0	36,468	53,159	89,627
Total for 17 weeks ...	233,883	1,25,720 0 0	25,98,596 0	1,07,741 0 0	8,915 0 0	2,42,356 0 0	38,453	66,660	105,113
COMPARISON.									
Total for corresponding week of previous year ...	19,446	6,468 0 0	1,17,850 0	4,588 0 0	180 0 0	11,236 0 0	1,351	3,674	5,025
Per mile of railway corresponding week of previous year ...	71'05	40'68	741'19	28'85	1'16	70'67	8'49	22'46	30'97
Total to corresponding date of previous year ...	190,507	96,902 0 0	18,00,068 0	64,616 0 0	3,526 0 0	1,66,244 0 0	22,891	68,806	91,697

FINANCIAL YEAR.

Approximate Statement of Gross Receipts of the Assam-Bengal Railway.

RECEIPTS FOR WEEK ENDING 20th OCTOBER 1897.			RECEIPTS FOR WEEK ENDING 31st OCTOBER 1896.			TOTAL RECEIPTS FROM 1st APRIL TO 30th OCTO- BER 1897.			TOTAL RECEIPTS FROM 1st APRIL TO 31st OCTO- BER 1896.			Total increase in 1897.	Total decrease in 1897.
Mean mileage worked.	Receipts.	Per mile workd.	Mean mileage worked.	Receipts.	Per mile worked.	Mean mileage worked.	Total receipts.	Per mile worked.	Mean mileage worked.	Total receipts.	Per mile worked.		
Rs.	Rs.		Rs.	Rs.		Rs.	Rs.		Rs.	Rs.		Rs.	Rs. A.
286	20,504	78 54	189	11,236	70 57	286	4,83,758	.....	189	3,17,486	.....	1,66,272	.....

DARJEELING-HIMALAYAN RAILWAY COMPANY, LIMITED.

	Rs.	A.	P.
Approximate earnings for the week ending 6th November 1897	17,346 0 0
Corresponding period of 1896	17,277 11 0
Increase	67 5 0
Receipts per mile for the week ending 6th November 1897	340 1 7
Ditto for the corresponding period of 1896	338 12 6
Increase	1 5 2
Receipts from 1st July to 6th November 1897	2,70,443 0 0
Corresponding period of 1896	2,71,248 0 0
Decrease	805 0 0



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GENERAL DEPARTMENT—MISCELLANEOUS.

Calcutta, the 23rd November 1897.

RESOLUTION—No. 3393.

READ—

The Annual Administration Report of the Rajshahi Division for the year 1896-97.

Read also—

The Resolution of Government on the Annual Administration Report for the year 1895-96.

THE report was received on the 16th of July. Mr. Nolan, who was in charge of the Division throughout the year and submits the report, observes that the continuity of administration was a good deal interrupted by changes of officers in Dinajpur and Rangpur.

2. *Tours and Inspections.*—The Commissioner was on tour 122 days, and inspected the several districts and subdivisions of his charge, except Bogra and its border subdivisions of Nator, Naugaon and Gaibanda, the inspection of which he had to abandon in order to investigate the truth of reports that famine was imminent in Rajshahi and Pabna. Mr. Nolan's tour was especially useful *inter alia* in putting an end to the evil practice found existing in the Kurigram subdivision of summoning witnesses to the head-quarters of the subdivision, when the Subdivisional Officer had arranged to go on tour, in inducing the Maharaja and Council of Sikkim to prohibit ticcadars from making cultivators sell their produce at a fixed price, in putting the arrangements for assessment of rent in the Kalimpong bazar and for carrying on the

trade in wool there on a satisfactory footing, and in deciding doubtful points connected with settlements of land revenue, and stimulating subordinate officers to carry on such settlements with method and without unnecessary delay.

Excepting the Subdivisional Officers of Kurseong, Nilphamari and Gaibanda, and the Territorial Subdivisional Officer of Dinajpur, all the District and Subdivisional Officers were on tour for three months and over, and the Collectors of Rangpur and Darjeeling for over four months. Besides observing the standing orders of Government in respect of inspection of offices and institutions under them, they paid special attention during the year to the prospects of the crops and the condition of the people and other matters connected with the famine.

The usefulness of Mr. Geake's tour is particularly noticed by the Commissioner, who characterises his tour as most thorough and searching.

3. *Weather and Crops.*—The rainfall was everywhere below the average of the last three years, except at Rangpur, where it exceeded the average by the inconsiderable amount of .94 of an inch; and it was, as elsewhere, ill-distributed, having failed at the critical seasons.

There was a serious failure in the rice crop (the outturn of the autumn rice being only about $9\frac{1}{2}$ and of winter rice $8\frac{1}{2}$ annas), which was aggravated by the high prices that resulted from greater failure elsewhere. The Commissioner again notices the misleading nomenclature as regards crop outturns adopted in official reports, which, however, will now be rectified under recent orders issued by the Government of India.

4. *Public Health.*—The registered death-rate has steadily increased from 32.88 a thousand in 1893, 34.21 in 1894, 35.19 in 1895, to 37.74 in 1896. The Commissioner attributes this increase partly to increase in the population and to the percentages being taken on the population at the time of the census, partly to improvement in reporting, and partly to the prevalence of malarial fever. The death-rate in Darjeeling was exceedingly high, being 51.43 per mille. The Civil Surgeon, with whom the Commissioner agrees, considers the year was an exceptionally unhealthy one in that district. It would, as Mr. Nolan observes, be disquieting to accept 53 per mille as the normal death-rate in the Darjeeling district.

The number of vaccinations considerably increased in Rajshahi, Dinajpur, Jalpaiguri and Darjeeling, but decreased in the remaining three districts. There was an increase in the number of vaccinations in towns as a whole, except in Nator, Rangpur and Sirajganj, where there was a marked decline. The decrease in some places is alleged to be due to famine, but the Commissioner does not accept this view, and the Lieutenant-Governor agrees with him, seeing that vaccinations were more numerous than in the previous year in Rajshahi, where the failure of crops was more marked than in most of the districts of the Division. The total number vaccinated during the year in the Division was 7,358 against 6,752 in 1895-96.

5. *Material condition of the people.*—Under this head Mr. Nolan writes:—

The normal condition of the Division was described in my annual report for 1893-94. It varies from year to year with the abundance of the harvests, the price of food, the rate of wages, and the prevalence of malarious fever. The yield of the crops was bad in 1896, famine prices prevailed, wages were stationary, and public health worse than usual. The result was much distress among the poorest classes. But the loss was not universal. The jute crop was much better than the estimates of the Agricultural Department indicate, and in some places there was a considerable surplus in the food produce. Whatever was sold yielded a high price, and many cultivators realised unusual profits. The increase in the revenue from excise and stamps proves that there was a good deal of spare money in the Division. Those who suffered most showed a remarkable power of endurance; although test-works were opened they failed to attract. The cessation of a demand for labour is the most characteristic symptom of famine, as it is the most dangerous, and it never appeared. Our experience during the year confirms the view I have often expressed that the raiyats of the Division are much better off than those of Western and Southern India, though they do not reach the standard of comfort attained by the Burmese on the extreme east.

The Lieutenant-Governor agrees in these views and in Mr. Nolan's remarks on prices of food and labour which are reproduced in the Appendix.

6. *Manufactures and Mines; Trade and Commerce.*—The articles manufactured in the Division are generally the products of the earth but slightly modified. Indigo, silk, and *endi* cloth are manufactured in limited quantities. Molasses, gunnies and brass and bell-metal utensils are more extensively prepared and exported

from the Division. Cotton cloth is manufactured in Pabna, but the industry is not thriving. *Shitalputies* are largely manufactured in Pabna, and have an extensive sale. *Satrangies* are made in Rangpur. There are jute-presses in Jalpaiguri, Rangpur and Pabna. The outturn of tea increased from 32,156,700 lbs. to 34,381,834 lbs., and of cinchona from 507,436 lbs. to 717,222 lbs.

The Daling Colliery in Darjeeling produced 96 tons of coal. This industry promises to progress greatly in the immediate future.

The trade of the Division is mainly conducted by exporting jute in exchange for piece-goods and salt. The amount of jute sent to Calcutta was about the same as last year, viz., seventy-six and a half millions of maunds. But the production was less. Owing to the bad harvest there was a fall of 1,21,000 maunds in the export of rice, the total quantity exported being 3,09,228 maunds. But taken as a whole the agricultural exports from the Division were greater than in 1895-96—a remarkable fact. The principal import, viz. European piece-goods, decreased from Rs. 1,15,66,776 to Rs. 1,08,14,662. In spite of the famine prices which prevailed, the imports of salt greatly increased—a fact which the Commissioner notices with surprise. The increase in the import of kerosine oil was arrested during the year. The Commissioner's remarks on the subject are interesting and important, and are reproduced in the Appendix.

7. *Ci il Justice*.—The number of ordinary and Small Cause Court suits in the Division was 62,502 against 59,398 in 1895-96. The ratio per cent. of witnesses detained over two days to total number examined was 2·1 against 5·0 in the previous year in the case of District Judges, 14·6 against 11·9 in the case of Subordinate and Small Cause Court Judges, and 8·03 against 10·7 in the case of Munsifs. The ratio decreased in all the districts except Pabna, where it was 6·9 against 4·5 in 1895-96.

8. *Crime and Criminal Justice*.—The number of cognizable offences increased by 204 and the non-cognisable offences decreased by 958 cases. The latter is attributed to the partial failure of the crops. The two classes of offences taken together, however, show a decrease of 754 cases. The total number of offences reported amounted to 25,392.

Exclusive of offences under Class VI (other than offences against person, property and public tranquillity), the total number of cases disposed of was 9,250 against 9,568 in the year before. On an average each stipendiary Magistrate tried one case in two working days and heard five witnesses.

But taking all classes of cases together, the number of cases disposed of amounted to 12,151 against 13,305 in 1895-96. The average number of cases disposed of by each stipendiary Magistrate was 195½ against 209½ during the previous year. The detention of witnesses by this class of officers was highest in the Gaibanda (20·3) and Nilphamari (16·5) subdivisions of Rangpur. Sili-guri (11·7) in Darjeeling and the Sadar (11·6) subdivision of Pabna come next. It was lowest in Nator (·2) and in the Sadar stations of Darjeeling (·6), Bogra (1·6) and Rajshahi (2). The average percentage for the Division was 4·9 against 4·4 in 1895-96. The high percentages of witnesses detained for more than two days in the Gaibanda and Nilphamari subdivisions were noticed last year, but no improvement appears to have been effected. The Lieutenant-Governor is glad to observe that the Commissioner has given special attention to the subject of the detention of witnesses, and agrees in all that he says on it.

The percentages of A cases remanded six times and more to total number disposed of by the stipendiary Magistrates were also highest in the Gaibanda (16·1) and the Nilphamari (16·4) subdivisions of Rangpur, and lowest in the Sadar stations of Darjeeling (·7) and Dinajpur (1·9). The average percentage for the Division was 5·9 against 5·1 in 1895-96.

The percentage of sessions cases resulting in conviction to total cases disposed of was 67·9 against 63·4 in the previous year, showing an increase of 4·5 per cent. The percentage was highest in Rajshahi (79·5) and lowest in Pabna (60·0). In Darjeeling it fell from 81·2 to 62·5 per cent.

9. *Land Revenue and Cesses*.—The current demand on account of Land Revenue was Rs. 51,95,448 against Rs. 51,84,824 in 1895-96, showing an increase of Rs. 10,624 obtained mainly from the temporarily-settled estates. The total current and arrear demand was Rs. 52,74,694, and out of this Rs. 50,60,495, or 95·9 per cent., was collected against 98·46 in the previous

year, and Rs. 4,230 was remitted, leaving an outstanding balance of Rs. 2,09,969 against Rs. 75,495 in the previous year.

The following statement shows the percentage of current collections of Land Revenue on current demand:—

		Permanently-settled estates.	Temporarily-settled estates.	Khas Mahals.
Standard of collection	...	99 per cent.	95 per cent.	90 per cent.
Rajshahi	...	99·71	100·	89·19
Dinajpur	...	99·75	Nil.	100·
Jalpaiguri	...	99·97	100·	50·73
Darjeeling	...	52·60	100·	98·60
Rangpur	...	99·24	97·35	84·61
Bogra	...	98·83	Nil.	88·73
Pabna	...	99·93	93·75	63·56
Divisional average	...	99·71	99·06	64·28

In all the districts the standard percentage (99) of collections of current Land Revenue on current demand in permanently-settled estates was reached, except in Darjeeling (52·60) and Bogra (98·83). The exceptions are characterised by the Commissioner as little more than nominal, the money left uncollected in Darjeeling having been never really due. In each of the districts the whole of the outstanding arrears of these estates was collected.

In temporarily-settled estates the percentage of collections fell slightly below the standard only in Pabna and Rangpur, while the standard percentage of collections in the case of estates held direct by Government was nowhere reached, except in Darjeeling and Dinajpur, the amount of the demand being very small in the latter district. The deficiency in the collections under this head is attributed by the Commissioner to the failure of the chief crops. The results are on the whole satisfactory, but the Lieutenant-Governor agrees with the Commissioner in thinking that with better management and discrimination more might have been collected in the Jalpaiguri Duars. It is noticed with satisfaction that due attention has been given to the introduction of agricultural improvements, that there were no desertions of holdings in Government estates, that certificates were promptly disposed of, and that the number of pending partition cases was reduced during the year.

The total demand on account of Zamindari Dāk cess was Rs. 49,040, of which Rs. 47,916 or 97·7 per cent. against 95·7 in 1895-96 and 97·9 in 1894-95 was collected.

The total demand on account of Road and Public Works cesses was Rs. 10,70,915, out of which Rs. 10,06,528 was collected and Rs. 652 remitted, leaving an outstanding balance of Rs. 63,735 against Rs. 69,352 in 1895-96.

10. *Wards and Attached Estates.*—There were eight estates under the management of the Court of Wards as in the previous year. The current and arrear demand of these estates amounted to Rs. 5,17,417, of which Rs. 2,63,968 or 51·01 was collected and Rs. 21,675 was remitted, leaving a balance of Rs. 2,31,774. The percentage of current collection on current demand was 60·32 against 60·38 in the previous year. In spite of the Commissioner's repeated injunctions to the contrary, managers of estates retain on their books nominal arrears which not merely are irrecoverable but were never due; serious notice should be taken of the conduct of managers who persistently disobey orders in this respect, and they should be reported to the Board for punishment should they fail during the current year to carry out the instructions issued by the Commissioner in accordance with the orders of Government.

11. *Excise, Stamps, Income-tax.*—The total excise revenue was Rs. 11,12,260, showing an increase of Rs. 39,010 in all. The revenue from country spirit increased by Rs. 52,240, while that from ganja, opium and charas, &c., declined by Rs. 5,218, Rs. 5,740, and Rs. 7,584, respectively. The incidence per head of population was 2 annas 2 pies, as in the previous year.

The stamp revenue increased by Rs. 1,10,320 or 7·6 per cent. over the receipt of the previous year.

The income-tax showed an increase of 144 persons in the number assessed and of Rs. 8,138 in the demand. There was a slight decrease in the percentage of collections to demand, being 98·9 per cent. against 99·1 per cent. in 1895-96. But the collections exceeded the standard of 95 per cent. in all the districts.

12. *Railways and other Public Works.*—The survey operations of four branch railway lines, viz., (1) from Nator to Boalia, (2) from Dandim to Bagrakot, (3) from Bagrakot to Daling coalfield, (4) from Malbazar to Salkumar, have been completed during the year. The construction of a branch line from Sultanpur to Kaliganj *via* Bogra was commenced. For the construction and the repairs of tanks, wells, roads, and bridges and other works of public utility Rs. 97,189 was spent by private individuals, and Rs. 16,313 by the District Board, against Rs. 81,003 and Rs. 10,278 respectively in 1895-96. The District Boards and Road Cess Committees spent Rs. 2,93,825 on original works and repairs (of roads and bridges) against Rs. 3,70,158 in the previous year. The total expenditure on village roads was Rs. 18,762 against Rs. 28,889 in the year before.

13. *Education.*—There were 3,942 schools at the end of the year, 109 more than in the previous year. The number of pupils on the rolls also increased from 113,710 to 117,650. Out of 616,806 boys of school-going age, 19·07 per cent. were under instruction against 18·4 in 1895-96, while the cost of education per pupil decreased by 2 annas 6 pies from Rs. 4-11-4 to Rs. 4-8-10. The total expenditure on education from all sources was Rs. 6,47,438 against Rs. 5,35,858 in 1895-96. Of this sum Rs. 1,54,688 was contributed by the District Boards and Rs. 8,903 by the Municipalities against Rs. 1,27,703 and Rs. 7,373 in the preceding year. The contribution towards primary education by the District Boards was 15·9 per cent. of the ordinary income, while that by the Municipalities was 2·5 per cent. against 17·3 and 1·9 per cent. in the previous year. The Lieutenant-Governor is pleased to notice that there has been a marked increase in the number of boys at school in Bogra and Rajshahi, and that the behaviour of the students in the Rajshahi College is now reported to be good.

14. *Dispensaries and Hospitals.*—The number of dispensaries increased from 60 to 65 during the year under report, three new ones having been established in Rajshahi, one in Darjeeling, and one in Pabna. The construction of the Syedani Tahirunnessa Zanana Hospital at Bogra was completed during the year. The total number of patients treated was 289,157, of whom 282,831 were out-patients, showing an increase of 35,693 in the former and 33,941 in the latter. The total outlay on these institutions was Rs. 1,20,962, which was Rs. 30,803 more than in the previous year. The cost of diet for in-patients was two annas per head as in the previous year. The ratio per cent. of out-door patients to total population was 3·5 against 3·1 in 1895-96.

15. *Local Self-Government Institutions.*—The Commissioner says that the degree of efficiency with which these institutions worked will be examined in a special report on the subject. The established standard was, however, he adds, duly maintained. The District Boards of Rajshahi and Pabna are commended for their efficiency in opening test works for famine purposes.

16. *Social and political institutions.*—There were 22 such institutions in the Division, and nine journals were published during the year. There was no manifestation of public feeling. The vernacular press takes its tone from that of the metropolis.

17. *Conduct of zamindars.*—There were no reports of agrarian disputes during the year—a fact which indicates great improvement in the relations of landlord and tenant in the Division. As a body, the zamindars are reported to be loyal and charitable. The Commissioner notices the increasing disposition of rich landlords to live in Calcutta, and its evil effects.

18. The thanks of the Lieutenant-Governor are tendered to Mr. Nolan for his uniformly efficient administration of the Division and for his careful and interesting report.

By order of the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal.

M. FINUCANE,

Secretary to the Government of Bengal

*Extracts from the Annual General Administration Report of the Rajshahi Division
for the year 1896-97.*

III.—WEATHER AND CROPS.

10. The following statement shows the rainfall as compared with the average of the last three years:—
(a) Weather.

DISTRICT.			Average.	1896-97.	Deficiency.
1			2	3	4
Rajshahi	...	...	55.70	45.59	10.11
Dinajpur	...	...	70.48	52.63	17.85
Jalpaiguri	...	...	144.32	106.96	37.36
Darjeeling	...	...	121.84	107.99	13.85
Rangpur	...	...	69.97	70.91	... .94 Excess.
Bogra	...	...	65.74	58.37	7.37
Pabna	...	...	62.52	49.78	12.74
Divisional total			84.38	70.32	14.06

The fall was not well distributed, failing at the critical seasons; and the flood of the Ganges, which in many parts is the great fertiliser, was of unusually short duration; that of the Brahmaputra also failed to some extent. The heat in April, May and August was intense.

11. The following statement shows the outturn of the principal crops, as estimated in the returns prepared for the Agricultural Department:—
(b) Crops.

DISTRICT.	Autumn rice.	Winter rice.	Jute.	Tobacco.	Indigo.	Sugar-cane.	Silk.	Tea.	Millets.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Rajshahi	6	6	15	7	12	9.3	8.5	...	...
Dinajpur	8	10.4	10	14	10	13	...	...	...
Jalpaiguri	7	7.3	11.5	11	...	10	...	13	...
Darjeeling	10	8	10	12	...	12	...	15	11
Rangpur	11	10.5	11	16	9	16	...	...	...
Bogra	12	12	10	10	...	20	...	...	...
Pabna	12	4.4	12	12	...	14	...	...	...
Divisional average	9.4	8.3	11.3	11.7	10.3	13.4	8.5	14	11

The Department is supposed to make these estimates on the assumption that sixteen annas represents an average crop; but in fact the popular standard is used, sixteen annas being considered the ideal crop—a statement the truth of which will appear to any one who adds up the figures for a series of years: he will find they do not average anything approaching to sixteen annas. Allowing for this source of error, it is clear that there was a great failure in the rice crop of 1896-97, aggravated by the high prices which resulted from greater failure elsewhere.

IV.—PUBLIC HEALTH.

12. The rate of mortality in the different districts was as follows:—

DISTRICT.	DEATHS PER THOUSAND.	
	1895.	1896.
1	2	3
Rajshahi ...	37·53	40·34
Dinajpur ...	36·00	37·71
Jalpaiguri ...	35·97	39·89
Darjeeling ...	37·59	51·43
Rangpur ...	32·86	37·80
Bogra ...	30·63	30·36
Pabna ...	37·50	36·35
Divisional total ..	35·19	37·74

There appears to be a steady increase in the registered death-rate, which was 32·88 in 1893, 34·21 in 1894, 35·19 in 1895, and 37·74 in 1896. I attribute this partly to an increase in the population, the figures being taken on the incorrect assumption that this remains stationary between census dates, and partly to improvement in reporting; the real death-rate is much higher than that shown. In 1896 there was also an increase in mortality, owing to the prevalence of malarial fever. The death-rate in Darjeeling was somewhat alarming, exceeding 50 per thousand. The Civil Surgeon considers that the great increase from the rate of the previous year was real, while the Deputy Commissioner thinks it probable that improvement in recording vital statistics may account for the difference. Mr. Greer observes:—

“The mortality in the Terai has always been high, and this year is no exception to the rule, the death-rate being 61·08 per mille, against 54·45 in 1895. Fever as before accounted for the bulk of the deaths in the Terai, over 89 per cent. of the total mortality.

“The death-rate in the higher hill region (Darjeeling town and its surrounding tracts) was 53·03 per mille, against 31·64 in the preceeding year. There was a slight epidemic of cholera on the road between Pedong and the Tista bridge in Kalimpong, and also at Pulbazar. Mortality was, however, chiefly due to fever. The intermediate region or the Kurseong jurisdiction shows a death-rate of 40·72 per mille during the year, against 27·32 in the preceding year.”

My own observation leads me to concur with the Civil Surgeon in considering that the year was exceptionally unhealthy in Darjeeling. It would certainly be disquieting to accept 53 per mille as the normal death-rate of the higher hills, or to believe that in this tract, which has the largest establishment in proportion to population to be found in Bengal, so great a death-rate could have existed without being discovered. After Darjeeling, Rajshahi shows the highest death-rate, although, according to popular opinion, Dinajpur is really much more unhealthy. The Collector attributes the increased mortality of the year to deficient rainfall, but the rate was considerably higher in 1893, when the rain was very much in excess of the normal amount. There was a marked increase in Rangpur, for which the Collector accounts as follows:—

“The general health of the district was much worse than in the previous year. Malarial fevers were unusually prevalent, and this view is corroborated by the Civil Surgeon, as well as by the vital and dispensary statistics of the district. Cholera was less prevalent. The rainfall was badly distributed; an excessive quantity fell for a few days, and this was succeeded by a long drought.”

I believe that these remarks apply to the whole Division. The increased mortality was entirely due to fever, there being a decline under the other heads, and particularly under that of cholera. The cessation of this epidemic accounts for the decreased mortality in Bogra and Pabna.

13. The figures showing total number of accidental and sudden deaths
(a) Accidental and sudden deaths. in 1896 were as follows :—

DISTRICT.	Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.	Total for 1895.	REMARKS.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Rajshahi ...	162	260	333	755	707	
Dinajpur ...	237	227	366	830	685	
Jalpaiguri ...	86	53	76	215	194	
Darjeeling ...	38	12	17	67	67	
Rangpur ...	200	204	256	660	704	
Bogra ...	79	95	245	419	416	
Pabna ...	99	153	275	527	582	
Total ...	901	1,004	1,568	3,473	3,355	

14. The following table shows statistics regarding vaccination in 1896-97 and the previous year in the several districts, *exclusive* of the operations in the municipalities :—

DISTRICT.	Number of thanas in which the operations were carried on.		Number of villages in which the operations were carried on.		Number of persons vaccinated.		Successful.		Unsuccessful.		Unknown.	
	1895-96.	1896-97.	1895-96.	1896-97.	1895-96.	1896-97.	1895-96.	1896-97.	1895-96.	1896-97.	1895-96.	1896-97.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Rajshahi ...	13	13	2,075	2,243	36,206	43,263	36,184	42,986	82	277	...	...
Dinajpur ...	16	16	4,590	4,162	44,856	54,523	44,451	52,104	257	2,173	146	246
Jalpaiguri ...	8	8	(a)	(a)	18,995	19,501	18,914	18,753	981	748	...	...
Darjeeling ...	4	4	No villages.		18,944	19,581	18,045	19,347	140	109	169	132
Rangpur ...	10	16	1,674	1,768	48,884	47,455	48,068	47,017	216	438	...	...
Bogra ...	9	9	1,210	1,109	21,314	19,393	20,837	19,211	421	182	56	...
Pabna ...	8	8	1,009	1,236	31,647	30,186	30,897	29,884	660	302	...	...
Total ...	74	74	10,558	10,518	2,20,206	2,33,962	217,086	229,362	2,757	4,222	343	373

(a) The Civil Medical Officer has not furnished figures.

15. The following table shows the statistics regarding vaccination in municipalities in 1896-97 and the previous year :—

DISTRICT.	Name of Municipality.	NUMBER OF PERSONS VACCINATED.		SUCCESSFUL.		UNSUCCESSFUL.		UNKNOWN.	
		1895-96.	1896-97.	1895-96.	1896-97.	1895-96.	1896-97.	1895-96.	1896-97.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Rajshahi ...	Rampur Boalia ...	781	1,067	668	849	52	206	47	12
	Nator ...	205	123	205	123	...	...	...	...
Dinajpur ...	Dinajpur ...	379	610	316	441	63	109	...	60
Jalpaiguri ...	Jalpaiguri ...	403	594	351	320	29	74	...	...
Darjeeling ...	Darjeeling ...	1,633	1,825	1,675	1,762	56	73	...	...
	Kurseong ...	609	815	451	764	17	19	71	29
Rangpur ...	Rangpur ...	915	847	775	660	140	47	...	...
	Bogra ...	180	193	133	166	10	37	7	...
Bogra ...	Sherpur ...	94	161	77	146	13	15	4	...
Pabna ...	Pabna ...	547	194	401	664	165	210	...	...
	Sirajganj ...	1,136	700	860	406	276	304	...	...
Total ...		6,782	7,368	5,826	6,266	797	1,010	129	100

The figures show a considerable increase in the number of persons vaccinated in Rajshahi, Dinajpur, Jalpaiguri, and Darjeeling, accompanied by some falling off in the three remaining districts; the increase is attributed by the Collector of Rajshahi to the healthiness of the working season; the decrease is connected by the Collector of Pabna with the prevalence of malarial fever in his district. The famine is naturally referred to as explaining decrease

where it occurred, but this cannot be accepted in the face of the fact that vaccinations were more numerous in Rajshahi, where the failure of crops was marked. Out of 2,41,320 persons vaccinated in the Division, in 2,35,620 cases, i.e., in 97·6 per cent. cases, operations proved successful.

An innovation has been introduced by the Dinajpur authorities in the system of operation by appointing two female vaccinators for *pardah* women. The Collector observes:—

“The experiment, the credit for which must be ascribed to Dr. Blaker, cannot but fail to be productive of good results, and may possibly contribute largely to the popularity of vaccination. The females were employed in those places where objections were raised to *pardah* women being vaccinated by male operators. The Civil Surgeon, I understand, proposes to extend the system during the current year. How far it is capable of extension must depend solely on the demand.”

There has been an increase in the number of vaccinations in towns as a whole, but a marked decline in Nator, Rangpur, and Sirajganj. In Rangpur this may be attributed to an outbreak of small-pox in the preceding year, which made the inhabitants appreciate in a special manner the benefits of vaccination.

V.—MATERIAL CONDITION OF THE PEOPLE.

16. The normal condition of the Division was described in my annual report for 1893-94. It varies from year to year with the abundance of the harvests, the price of food, the rate of wages, and the prevalence of malarious fever. The yield of the crops was bad in 1896, famine prices prevailed, wages were stationary, and public health worse than usual. The result was much distress among the poorest classes. But the loss was not universal. The jute crop was much better than the estimates of the Agricultural Department indicate, and in some places there was a considerable surplus in the food produce. Whatever was sold yielded a high price, and many cultivators realised unusual profits. The increase in the revenue from excise and stamps proves that there was a good deal of spare money in the Division. Those who suffered most showed a remarkable power of endurance; although test-works were opened they failed to attract. The cessation of a demand for labour is the most characteristic symptom of famine, as it is the most dangerous, and it never appeared. Our experience during the year confirms the view I have often expressed that the raiyats of the Division are much better off than those of Western and Southern India, though they do not reach the standard of comfort attained by the Burmese on the extreme east.

VI.—EMIGRATION AND IMMIGRATION.

17. This Division is not one of those healthy tracts where population increases beyond the means of subsistence, so that the inhabitants have to seek a livelihood elsewhere.
Emigration. On the contrary, the effect of malaria here is so great that the census shows in some districts an actual decline in numbers, notwithstanding the recruitment of many immigrants. It follows that there is no emigration, the only exception being that a small and unascertained number of families passes each year to Assam for the purpose of settling on the waste land so abundant in that Province.

18. Immigration, on the other hand, is common, many being willing to accept the climatic risks of the country in order to secure a maintenance.
Immigration. The permanent settlers take up the jungle lands, generally in the tract conquered from Bhutan in 1862, and known as the Eastern Duars. Many of them are Brahmins from Nepal or Buddhists from Bhutan, there are also Garos, Sonthals, men from Chota Nagpur, who came originally to work on the tea-gardens, and some up-country men. I do not include among immigrants those who arrive from Cooch Behar, which, for the present purpose, may be regarded as a part of the Division, or from Rangpur; these are the most numerous settlers in the Duars. In Rangpur and Dinajpur there are jungles of moderate extent, consisting of land which was thrown out of cultivation because exceptionally unhealthy; and smaller tracts

of the same character are found in Bogra, Pabna and Rajshahi. These attract aboriginal settlers, generally Sonthals, but including also some Garos and Nagas; men of these races seem to suffer less from malaria. Among temporary immigrants the tea coolies are the most important. The greater part come from Chota Nagpur, and this year they arrived in exceptional numbers owing to the prevalence of famine in their own country. I observed that they did not, as formerly, insist on being conveyed by train at the employers' expense, but as a rule walked the whole distance by road. This shows how much they valued the employment given. They prefer the Duars to Assam, because the system of free labour prevails here—a fact of which they are quite aware and consider of great importance. Nepalese and Bhutias accept employment in the gardens near the hills. There is a large immigration of up country men, particularly from the district of Saran, to do hard labour of all kinds. They furnished all the workmen for the Bogra Railway, are generally employed on roads, supply hands to the Sirajganj Jute Factory and act as palki-bearers. They are also largely employed in service, as guards, watchmen, and messengers. Occasionally they settle here, in spite of their objection to the climate, and when they do so their descendants often rise in the social scale. Afghan traders have become much more conspicuous of late years; they sell cloth to the raiyats, giving credit until the crop is cut, when they have a very pressing way of collecting. A great part of the wholesale trade of the Division has always been in the hands of Marwaris; they are established with a certain amount of permanence, but do not bring their women. Mr. Geake gives the following account of certain visitors to his district, Rangpur:—

“ Road coolies from Benares come here for work. They spend their spare time digging up rats' holes in the paddy-fields and taking the paddy stored therein. I found eight men returning from such an expedition with four maunds of paddy, which was said to be quite an ordinary find. They complain that the owners themselves are following their example in this year of scarcity and ransacking the rats' hoards. I myself saw about two seers of good paddy thus extracted from a hole with very little labour, and this harvest can be gathered for nearly a month after the crop is cut. The Nunias also enjoy the rat as well as his store.”

The number of men engaged for military and similar employment by the District Recruiting Officer of Darjeeling was 385 against 641 in the preceding year. These will all be immigrants from Nepal.

VII.—PRICES OF FOOD AND LABOUR.

19. The price of rice, which is the staple food of the Division, rose from 15 seers, the average rate per rupee at the close of the last two years, to 9 seers; and the price of other grains increased in proportion. There was
- (a) Prices of food:
(b) Prices of labour.

no corresponding rise in wages taken as a whole. In Pabna and Rajshahi districts which have been on the verge of famine, the price of labour actually fell—a very unusual occurrence in Bengal. In the former the decline is observed in regard to the three forms of skilled labour specified in the returns—those of masons, carpenters and blacksmiths. Among coolies it affected only the boys. In Rajshahi it was felt by coolies of all classes, but in places only; thus a male adult got 3 annas 3 pies a day formerly, this year he got from that amount down to 1 anna 6 pies. In regard to the latter entry, I may observe that it is less than we paid on the test-works, which would not fill, so that its prevalence must have been very rare. In Bogra, Jalpaiguri and Darjeeling no change occurred of any kind. Dinajpur shows a decided increase, extending among unskilled labourers to women and boys, among the skilled to common carpenters, masons and *garamis*. In Rangpur there has been a rise in the wages of blacksmiths and masons, as also of boys. I believe that the superior officers of the Public Works do not quite accept the alleged increase, considering that there has been a tendency of late to run up rates fictitiously; but there is no special reason to doubt its reality in Dinajpur and Rangpur, as much money was made there this year by certain cultivators, and this may have created a demand for labour of the class in question, although other cultivators lost heavily.

VIII.—MANUFACTURES AND MINES.

20. The manufactured articles used in this Division are for the most part imported, the equivalent being given in rice, jute, tea, and other agricultural products: even the commodities we classify as manufactured here are generally the fruits of the earth but slightly modified. The preparation of indigo is very limited, the yield being 911 maunds, against 1,156 maunds in 1895 and 931 maunds in 1894. Some silk is made in Rajshahi, the quantity being 1,37,574 lbs. against 1,26,745 lbs. in the previous year. This is exclusive of the Serail factory, the outturn of which has by some error been entered in the statistics of the Presidency Division. There are jute presses in Jalpaiguri, Rangpur, and Pabna. The outturn in Jalpaiguri was 51,711 bales, in Rangpur 25,000 maunds, and in Pabna 1,46,356 bales, exclusive of the Sirajganj Jute Mill, which worked up 9,500 tons of jute. *Endi* cloth (coarse silk) is manufactured in small quantities for home consumption in Dinajpur, Jalpaiguri, Rangpur, and Bogra. Molasses are manufactured in all the districts. They are largely exported from Rajshahi. Sugar is made at Pachagar in Jalpaiguri, and after meeting the local demands it is exported to Bhutan and neighbouring districts. Gunnies are prepared in all the districts of the Division and at Sirajganj Jute Mills are on an extensive scale and exported to Calcutta. As stated in the previous year's report, cotton cloth is manufactured by hand-loom in Pabna, but this industry is not in a very thriving condition. Brass and bell-metal utensils are manufactured at Kalam and Boodhpara in the subdivision of Nator in the district of Rajshahi, Pachagarh in Jalpaiguri, and in the district of Pabna. These articles are exported to other districts. The manufacture of *shitalpatees* is carried on largely in Pabna, as they are in great demand, and have an extensive and ready sale. *Satrangies* (carpets) are made in Rangpur only. Beer and porter are brewed in Darjeeling to a small extent.

IX.—TRADE AND COMMERCE.

24. The traffic of this Division is mainly with Calcutta, as the port for England. The only connected and intelligible view of our commerce is derived from an examination of the figures on that subject published in the *Calcutta Gazette*.

25. The exports to Calcutta were as follows:—

Statement No. III—Showing the trade between Calcutta and the districts of the Rajshahi Division carried by rail, road, river (country-boat and steamer) during the year 1896-97 as compared with the preceding year.

Exports from Rajshahi Division to Calcutta.

DISTRICT.	FOOD-GRAINS.													
	Rice and paddy.						Wheat.		Gram and pulse.		Other food-grains.		Total.	
	Rice.		Paddy.		Total (in rice).		Wheat.		Gram and pulse.		Other food-grains.		Total.	
	1896-96.	1896-97.	1896-96.	1896-97.	1896-96.	1896-97.	1896-96.	1896-97.	1896-96.	1896-97.	1896-96.	1896-97.	1896-96.	1896-97.
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.
Rajshahi	43,529	38,580	...	...	43,529	38,580	4,200	3,004	44,529	1,00,030	1,002	715	85,250	1,39,309
Dinajpur	2,52,998	1,59,038	298	435	2,53,179	1,59,310	275	120	1,612	4,079	19	...	2,64,985	1,63,509
Jalpaiguri	16	...	...	...	16	...	...	240	277	...	...	...	295	340
Darjeeling	...	22	...	...	...	22	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	22
Rangpur	1,730	9,197	...	143	1,730	9,216	198	167	199	937	...	265	2,127	10,585
Bogra	1,35,943	96,681	869	1,017	1,35,809	97,816	199	...	6	401	...	...	1,36,109	97,717
Pabna	5,873	16,463	...	546	5,873	16,804	2,377	3,685	23,819	29,371	838	...	33,807	49,609
Total	4,20,469	3,07,891	1,183	2,141	4,20,233	3,09,226	7,149	4,316	70,331	1,24,818	1,865	960	5,09,573	4,61,946

DISTRICTS.	FIBROUS PRODUCTS.				OILSEEDS.				Tea, Indian.		Cotton, raw.	
	Jute, raw.		Gunny-bags.		Linseed.		Mustard seed.		1895-96.	1896-97.	1895-96.	1896-97.
	1895-96.	1896-97.	1895-96.	1896-97.	1895-96.	1896-97.	1895-96.	1896-97.				
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Rajshahi ...	Mds. 7,41,846	Mds. 7,49,564	Nos. 7,350	Nos. 4,825	Mds. 11,360	Mds. 7,324	Mds. 1,091	Mds. 16,312	Mds. ...	Mds. ...	Mds. 13	Mds. 27
Dinajpur ...	2,61,347	2,40,190	687,885	611,120	1,020	...	260	4,425	...	...	...	...
Jalpaiguri ...	4,76,078	5,98,581	1,011,315	1,110,890	...	...	166	258	2,34,769	2,55,075	...	...
Darjeeling ...	41,478	95,007	507,525	563,335	...	...	...	...	1,54,776	1,80,545	...	...
Rangpur ...	16,78,545	14,06,431	324,710	72,835	411	192	5,740	24,086	...	1,095	12,709	12,737
Bogra ...	2,34,795	3,45,723	610	4,970	...	442	1	14,091	...	...	...	...
Pabna ...	40,23,051	41,13,559	0,23,010	6,403,087	5,072	5,705	33,475	1,13,478	...	57	278	14
Total ...	76,71,141	76,41,569	12,737,525	8,830,641	18,483	13,663	40,780	1,74,428	3,69,545	4,37,372	13,001	12,776

Districts.	Silk, raw.		SUGAR.				TOBACCO.				Coal and coke.		Indigo.	
			Refined.		Unrefined.		Unmanufactured.		Manufactured.					
	1895-96.	1896-97.	1895-96.	1896-97.	1895-96.	1896-97.	1895-96.	1896-97.	1895-96.	1896-97.	1895-96.	1896-97.	1895-96.	1896-97.
	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41
Rajshahi	Mds. 5,295	Mds. 3,351	Mds. 661	Mds. 9	Mds. ...	Mds. 4	Mds. 17	Mds. ...	Mds. ...	Mds. ...	Mds. 46	Mds. ...	Mds. 2,551	Mds. 74
Dinajpur	...	...	...	...	...	...	67	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Jalpaiguri	...	...	...	...	...	...	6,461	17,697	...	...	...	...	...	...
Darjeeling	118	...	...	...	...	...	161	1,054	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rangpur	8	...	...	...	...	234	1,91,246	2,67,732	...	...	...	...	381	127
Bogra	...	...	20	...	...	53	...	15	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pabna	...	...	...	...	135	...	4,818	12,829	...	175	...	...	...	...
Total	5,416	3,351	681	9	369	57	2,02,700	2,69,316	...	175	46	...	2,903	386

26. Of the articles mentioned, jute is beyond all comparison the staple; in fact, the Division may be described as conducting its trade by exporting jute in exchange for piecegoods and salt. The amount sent to Calcutta was about the same as last year; on each occasion it approximated to seventy-six millions of maunds and a half. But the production was somewhat less. A stock was kept over in 1895-96, as prices were low, while very little was reserved this year. The fall in the export of rice from four lakhs of maunds to three is an obvious result of the bad harvest. It must not be supposed that because there were considerable, though diminished, exports of the ordinary food-grain, there was a surplus in the Division after supplying the wants of the population. The only legitimate inference is that the wants of others were still greater than ours. In food-grains generally the falling off of exports was only half a lakh of maunds, or ten per cent., and against this there was an increase of a lakh of maunds in oilseeds, and nearly a lakh in tobacco. Taken as a whole, the agricultural exports from the Division in this year of deficient rain and inferior harvests were greater than in 1895-96—a fact which I by no means anticipated. This must be taken in connection with the figures showing an increase of revenue under certain heads, and as indicating that the effect of the famine was felt here rather through the rise of prices which it caused than in any other way.

27. Our imports from Calcutta under the principal heads are shown in the following table:—

Statement No. IV—Showing the trade between Calcutta and the districts of the Rajshahi Division carried by rail, road, river (country boat and steamer), during the year 1896-97, as compared with the preceding year.

Imports into the Rajshahi Division from Calcutta.

DISTRICT.	COTTON PIECE-GOODS.				COTTON TWIST.				Salt.		Kerosine oil.		Gunny bags.	
	European.		Indian.		European.		Indian.		1895-96.	1896-97.	1895-96.	1896-97.	1895-96.	1896-97.
	1895-96.	1896-97.	1895-96.	1896-97.	1895-96.	1896-97.	1895-96.	1896-97.						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Rajshahi ...	Rs. 21,32,325	Rs. 20,63,040	Rs. 563	...	Mds. 907	Mds. 1,455	Mds. 2,561	Mds. 3,610	Mds. 1,00,376	Mds. 1,76,699	Mds. 16,034	Mds. 22,890	Nos. 153,000	Nos. 267,685
Dinajpur ...	10,12,271	10,12,892	120	147	...	...	3,015	3,169	1,20,323	1,55,098	38,639	17,358	172,565	153,265
Jalpaiguri ...	11,60,776	10,22,133	1,447	...	...	105	3,982	4,240	1,07,809	1,31,051	35,173	31,267	29,050	25,789
Darjeeling ...	9,66,162	8,61,669	...	...	1,869	3,040	2,759	3,191	98,274	84,195	26,243	20,451	43,205	36,423
Rangpur ...	87,74,708	35,25,660	885	...	894	1,455	3,063	3,690	2,10,451	2,86,240	41,540	39,073	35,840	76,465
Bogra ...	16,70,650	18,76,097	779	...	...	232	1,759	1,841	89,946	91,371	11,005	7,049	207,000	210,210
Pabna ...	12,62,884	14,61,906	...	181	...	3,475	4,439	1,140	4,10,167	3,78,451	1,98,715	1,91,740	38,005	109,379
Total ...	1,12,00,836	1,06,06,307	3,774	328	6,040	9,365	19,979	19,446	11,73,630	13,06,985	3,47,499	3,34,836	770,015	901,545

28. There is a decrease in the principal import—European piece-goods—which last year were valued at eleven and a half millions of rupees, and this year at less than eleven millions. There was a corresponding decrease of a half million in 1895-96, which I attributed to the inferior harvest. I would have expected this cause to have produced even a greater effect on the present occasion. In view of the famine prices which have prevailed, I am surprised to find that the imports of salt have greatly increased, and that they have done so in every district, except Pabna, which, as including the mart of Sirajganj, is not to be taken as representing fairly the trade carried on to supply the wants of the Division. Sirajganj is a market for the Upper Brahmaputra generally. I can only conjecture that there was some reason, unknown to me and to the District Officers, why a greater quantity of salt was imported, when one would have supposed the people to be able to buy less; this happens occasionally owing to causes connected with the requirements of trade. The increase in the import of kerosine oil was arrested during the year, as might have been anticipated. The other articles specified are of no great importance.

XXIII.—RAILWAYS AND OTHER PUBLIC WORKS.

79. Survey operations undertaken for branch railway lines—(1) from Nator to Boalia in Rajshahi, (2) from Damdim to Bograkote, (3) from Bograkote to Daling coal-field, and (4) from Matbazar to Salkumar—have been completed during the year. The survey for opening a line of tramway from Raiganj to Lahiri in Dinajpur was taken in hand, and an expenditure of Rs. 115 was incurred shortly before the end of the financial year. The work of construction of a branch line sanctioned from Sultanpur to Kaliganj (in Rangpur) *via* Bogra was commenced in the latter part of the year.

In Dinajpur the construction of the railway feeders, viz., (1) from Bhowanipur to Karampukuria, (2) from Bhowanipur to Ambaria, and (3) from Chorkai to Disbundi, was sanctioned by Government; but the work could not be taken in hand during the year for want of plans and estimates. At the close of the year Government also sanctioned 5 feeder roads, viz., 4 in Bogra and 1 in Pabna. The road from Pabna to Sara was in use throughout the year, and has been maintained as required.

Imperial and provincial buildings were kept in order by the District Board, to whom their up-keep has been made over.

80. The steamers that plied between Goalundo and Patna and touched at Damukdia, Rampur Boalia and Godagari are reported not to have worked with the regularity desirable for passenger traffic. The India General Steam Navigation Company kept the steam ferry service between Pabna and Kushtia during the year.

81. The total number of tanks and wells, roads and bridges and other works of public utility constructed and repaired by private individuals during the year 1896 at their own cost, together with the total amount

(a) Tanks, wells, roads, &c., constructed, &c., by private individuals and by the District Boards.

(b) Steamer service.

Railway feeders.

(a) Railways and railway feeder roads.

spent by them for their construction and repairs in the several districts of the Division, are shown in the following table :—

DISTRICTS.	Number of roads and bridges.	Cost.	Number of roads and bridges.	Cost.	Hospital, school, and other buildings of public utility.	Cost.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.
Rajshahi ...	57	33,614	1	100	3	5,700
Dinajpur ...	40	21,997	.....	.....	1	1,200
Jalpaiguri ...	1	705	4	6,350	4	900
Darjeeling ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rangpur ...	15	3,276	2	340	.....	.....
Bogra ...	9	9,058	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pabna ...	9	8,350	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total 1896 ...	131	82,599	7	6,790	8	7,800
Total 1895 ...	107	70,693	6	3,000	8	7,310

Besides several gentlemen and ladies of Pabna gave liberal sums to excavate tanks both in the town and in the district in commemoration of the visit of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal to the town in July last, and their charitable gifts have been suitably acknowledged by Government.

The following table shows the number of tanks and wells sunk, excavated or repaired by several District Boards, and the amount expended on that account during the year:—

DISTRICT.	Number of tanks excavated or re-excavated.	Cost.	Number of wells sunk or repaired.	Cost.	Total cost.	REMARKS.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		Rs.		Rs.	Rs.	
Rajshahi ...	9	2,699	16	2,013	4,712	
Dinajpur ...	.....	.....	9	1,818	1,818	
Jalpaiguri ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Darjeeling ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rangpur ...	.....	.....	51	2,980	2,980	
Bogra ...	.....	.....	8	2,404	2,404	
Pabna ...	.....	.....	32	4,399	4,399	
Total ...	9	2,699	116	13,614	16,313	

XXVI.—EDUCATION.

86. The following table indicates the number of pupils reading in the schools of different classes at the end of the year:—

CLASS OF SCHOOLS.	Number of schools at the end of March—		Number of pupils at the end of March—		Cost per head per pupil.	
	1895-96.	1896-97.	1895-96.	1896-97.	1895-96.	1896-97.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
High English ...	24	24	4,525	4,677	Rs. A. P. 25 12 7	Rs. A. P. 25 3 8
Middle do. ...	95	101	6,330	6,705	11 14 6	11 11 6
Do. vernacular ...	135	132	6,622	6,366	7 15 4	8 2 10
Primary Schools ...	3,569	3,675	95,675	99,385	2 12 0	2 9 6
Special do. ...	10	10	558	517	50 0 7	56 6 0
Total ...	3,833	3,942	113,710	117,650	4 11 4	4 8 10

87. In preparing this section, I have not had the advantage of seeing the Inspector's report, as it was not ready. A great part of the utility of that review of the year's working is lost if it is not available in time to the Commissioner, and the remarks of the latter have to be founded on very imperfect information. I have experienced this difficulty before, and may suggest that the dates should be so arranged as to permit of the Commissioner seeing the Inspector's report before he has to send in his own.

The figures indicate an improvement in the number of schools and pupils, with a corresponding economy in the cost of education to the individual scholar. It is remarkable that the scarcity had no bad effect on the attendance at primary or other schools.

88. The following table shows the names of districts standing according to merits of education progress:—

DISTRICTS.	Number of boys of school-going age.	Number under instruction.		Percentage of pupils under education to the number of school-going age.		Increase.	Decrease.
		1895-96.	1896-97.	1895-96.	1896-97.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
I. Bogra ...	62,837	14,255	15,106	22.6	24.0	1.4	...
II. Pabna ...	101,587	20,862	20,221	20.5	19.9	...	.6
III. Rajshahi ...	98,150	17,988	19,408	18.3	19.8	1.5	...
IV. Jalpaiguri	54,698	10,440	10,225	19.0	18.6	...	.4
V. Dinajpur ...	121,807	21,994	22,489	18.0	18.4	.4	...
VI. Darjeeling	18,456	3,307	3,393	17.9	18.3	.4	...
VII. Rangpur ...	159,271	24,864	26,808	15.6	16.8	1.2	...
Total ...	616,806	113,710	117,650	18.4	19.07	.6	...

89. As in the previous year, Bogra heads the list as having the largest proportion under instruction, and the increase in that district is also great. In the latter respect it is second only to Rajshahi, where, owing to an increase in the reward offered under the system of payment by results, there has been a very marked improvement. Until now Rajshahi has always been the worst district in proportion to the opportunities it has enjoyed, and this I attributed to the indifference of the Board to primary education. I am glad to see that there has been a change.

The Collector reports that the behaviour of the students at the Rajshahi College was good—a result probably due to the vigorous measures taken in regard to the breach of discipline during the previous year. The educational results were poor, so far as the higher classes are concerned.

Two students went up for the M. A. Examination but failed to pass. Out of 8 students who appeared for the B. A., only one passed, while at the F. A. Examination 25 candidates passed, against 23 last year and 32 in 1895. I am inclined to doubt the expediency of maintaining any class at this College above the F. A.: we should not tempt scholars, by stipends or otherwise, to remain there when they would do better at the Presidency.

90. There are two technical schools in the Division: that at Rangpur is a very useful institution. The Collector gives the following account of it:—

“The school has been affiliated with the Sibpur Engineering College, and a class called the English Class has been opened since July 1895, from which class the pupils, after passing the final examination of the school, may obtain admission in the 3rd-year class of the Apprentice Department of the Sibpur Engineering College, in case they also pass the annual examination of the 2nd-year class of the College. At the final examination of the school held in June 1896, 20 appeared, of whom 17 passed—2 in the 1st, 4 in the 2nd, and 11 in the 3rd Division.”

As to the Pabna institution, I gather from the report only that there were 43 students, and that they cost Rs. 66 a head, of which Rs. 2.4 were covered by fees.

XXX.—LOCAL SELF-GOVERNMENT INSTITUTIONS.

94. The average attendance at the important Committees was as follows in the several districts in this Division:—

DISTRICTS.	Names of Committees.	NUMBER OF MEMBERS.									NUMBER OF MEETINGS HELD.			AVERAGE ATTENDANCE AT EACH MEETING.					
		Municipal Commissioners.			District and Local Boards.			Education Committee.			Municipal Committee.	District and Local Boards.	Education Committee.	Municipal.		District and Local Boards.		Education.	
		Elected.	Nominated.	Total.	Elected.	Nominated.	Total.	Official.	Non-official.	Total.				Elected.	Nominated.	Elected.	Nominated.	Official.	Non-official.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Rajshahi	District Board	...	...	...	10	11	21	...	...	...	...	16	...	...	...	5.8	5.13	...	...
	Boalis	14	7	21	10	6	16	...	...	...	18	15	...	7.6	2.1	4	8	...	...
	Nator	12	6	18	8	5	13	...	...	...	20	14	...	5.6	2.7	3.29	2.64	...	...
	Naugaoon	...	...	...	2	8	10	...	...	...	...	9	...	...	...	1.16	4.63	...	...
Dinajpur	Dinajpur	10	5	15	5	17	22	...	...	...	35	28	...	(c)	...	(c)	7.3	...	...
	Thakurgaon	...	...	...	...	9	9	...	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	5.75	...	...
Jalpaiguri	Jalpaiguri	...	13	13	...	17	17	...	...	...	23	16	...	...	6.66	...	6.66	...	...
Darjeeling	Darjeeling	...	25	25	(a)	(b)	(d)	7	7	14	14	2	3	...	15.7	(a)	(b)	2.3	2.5
	Kurseong	8	4	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	18	...	...	3.3	2.5	...	...	...	...
Rangpur	District Board	...	...	...	10	11	21	...	...	...	...	17	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Rangpur	12	6	18	...	12	12	...	...	...	12	6	...	4.91	1.91	...	4.6	...	...
	Gaibanda	...	...	...	...	7	7	...	...	...	...	16	...	...	...	...	3.0	...	...
	Kurigram	...	...	...	...	7	7	...	...	...	...	6	...	...	...	...	3.3	...	...
	Nilphamari	...	...	...	...	7	7	...	...	...	...	13	...	...	...	...	3.3	...	...
Bogra	Bogra	10	5	15	...	16	16	...	...	...	20	20	...	4.69	2.37	...	8.3	...	...
	Sherpur	8	4	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	24	...	...	3.42	1.47	...	...	...	...
Pabna	District Board	...	...	...	8	8	16	...	...	...	...	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Pabna	12	6	18	8	4	12	...	...	...	17	9	...	6.9	2.4	1.37	3.88	...	...
	Sirajganj	12	6	18	8	4	12	...	...	...	23	14	...	5.4	2.5	...	...	2.3	2.4
Total		98	87	185	75	159	234	7	7	14	219	216	3	...	...	...	...	3	3.3
Total for 1895-96		98	87	185	79	155	235	7	7	14	206	185	2	...	...	...	...	...	...

N. B.—The figures shown in columns 6, 7, 8, 13, 17 and 19 against Darjeeling refer to the District Road Cess Committee—(a) Official (b) Non-official.
 () Figures not furnished by the District Officer.
 () One died and his place not filled up during the year.

The degree of efficiency with which these institutions worked will be examined in the special report on the subject submitted on a later date. At present I need only say that the established standard in this respect was duly maintained. The Magistrate of Rajshahi notices the service rendered by that district in efficiently maintaining test works for famine purposes, and in this respect credit is also due to the Pabna Board. The Pabna Municipality deserves special mention. The District Magistrate observes :--

"The general election of the Municipal Commissioners of this district came on during the year under review. Much enthusiasm was shown by the public in electing their representatives, and election in some of the wards was hotly contested in the Pabna Municipality.

The Municipal Commissioners take interest in their work, and the Chairman, Babu Kali Charan Sen, a pleader of the local Bar, has done really excellent work, sacrificing both much of his time and to some extent his popularity also to the proper interests of the Municipality. A permanent improvement in the water-supply of the town has been carried out during the year by the munificence and zeal of one of the merchants of the town, Babu Tarak Nath Pramanik, by excavating the filthy hole known as Amir Khan's tank and converting it into a proper tank.

The catcherry tanks have also been re-dug by means of money collected to commemorate His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor's visit in August 1896, supplemented by a donation from the zamindars of Parsadanga. This work is still going on after the close of the year."

In Jalpaiguri certain charges were brought against the District Engineer for excessive expenditure and negligent work. These are still pending.

XXXVI.—CONDUCT OF ZAMINDARS.

106. The district reports make no mention of any dispute between landlords and tenants, and in this respect there has certainly been very great improvement. Disturbances occasionally occur between rival zamindars. The Collector of Dinajpur observes :—

"The zamindars of the district generally continue to be peaceful. There is a noteworthy absence of agrarian disputes in the district."

As a body, the zamindars are loyal and charitable. Their conduct in regard to the prevailing scarcity is mentioned only by Mr. Bose of Rajshahi. He writes :—

"Most of them have come forward very generously during this year of scarcity of water and food. They have excavated several tanks and wells, have given handsome subscriptions for the relief of the distressed, and have acted with great consideration towards their tenants in the matter of rent."

It will, however, be understood that the zamindars have given assistance only to the extent to be expected from charitable persons connected with the Division, not as assuming any substantial part of the responsibility for maintaining the distressed. Two of the Collectors comment on the increasing disposition of the rich landlords to live in Calcutta and on its evil effects. This practice will probably increase very rapidly, particularly in regard to the less healthy districts. The zamindars of Bengal do not possess the tastes for farming and field sports which attach country gentlemen to their estates in other countries; and, though they spend according to their means on house-building and gardening, they do not improve their grounds so as to make their seats desirable residences, or to distinguish them from suburban villas. Town life is more suitable to their tastes, and the preference for it will become marked as the force of old traditions decline.

REPORT ON THE STATE OF THE SALT MARKET FOR THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1897-98.

No. 880B., dated Calcutta, the 19th November 1897.

From—H. J. McINTOSH, Esq., Offg. Secretary to the Board of Revenue, L.P.,
To—The Secretary to the Government of Bengal, Financial Department.

I AM directed to submit the following report on the state of the
SALT. salt market for the second quarter of 1897-98,
comprising the months of July, August and Sep-
tember 1897.

THE HON'BLE MR. W. H. GRIMLEY.

2. The quantity of salt of every description cleared during the quarter under review amounted to 28,27,693 maunds, as compared with 26,17,863 maunds in the previous quarter and 26,77,294 maunds in the corresponding quarter of the previous year; and the net amount of duty levied thereon was Rs. 66,79,141, as against Rs. 61,10,816 in the previous quarter and Rs. 61,68,873 in the corresponding quarter of the previous year. In all cases fractions are omitted.

3. The quantity of locally-made salt removed from the *golas* in Orissa during the quarter under review, and the quantity which remained in store at the close of the quarter, are shown in table I below :—

TABLE I.

1	2
	Mds.
Balance at the close of the previous quarter ...	6,48,685
Manufactured or added during the quarter ...	23,841
Total ...	5,72,026
Sold during the quarter ...	4,100
Wastage ...	.....
Total ...	4,100
Balance at the close of the quarter ...	5,67,926

The total sales of locally-made salt during the quarter under review amounted to 4,100 maunds, as compared with 3,914 maunds in the previous quarter and 16,134 maunds in the corresponding quarter of the previous year. Duty was paid on the entire quantity sold.

4. The subjoined table (II) shows in detail the importations into the port of Calcutta, and the total clearances of sea-imported salt, during the quarter

under review, as compared with the figures of the corresponding quarters of the last two years:—

TABLE II.

WHENCE IMPORTED.	1895-96.		1896-97.		1897-98.	
	Second quarter.		Second quarter.		Second quarter.	
	Imported.	Cleared.	Imported.	Cleared.	Imported.	Cleared.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.
I.—United Kingdom	20,04,906	16,35,851	16,02,062	15,02,542	31,22,801	14,01,977
II.—Hamburg	3,09,789	3,47,674	84,338	1,40,036	2,03,622	2,50,031
III.—United States	...	...	...	...	4	4
Fiji Islands	...	...	...	...	45	44
Ras Rawayah	3,21,223	1,15,437	5,52,067	2,26,840	4,41,130	63,544
Muscat	...	...	...	...	21,000	2,550
Salief	1,69,003	16,211	16,333	98,080	4,06,234	1,72,097
IV.—Aden	...	1,05,446	2,31,154	1,90,524	3,14,705	3,78,278
Smyrna	...	...	...	...	3	3
Linga	29,500	...	...	2,720	...	13,958
Jedda	...	...	...	...	...	60,277
Hanjam	...	40,190	...	1,11,344	...	44,004
V.—Madras	...	...	280	276	7,716	1,20,310
VI.—Bombay	1,10,342	1,66,557	2,39,841	1,98,558	1,17,559	14,076
Total	29,44,765	25,25,110	28,13,807	24,89,120	36,58,231	25,49,507

5. Table III shows the quantity of sea-imported salt remaining in the warehouses at the close of the quarter under review, as compared with the results of the previous four quarters:—

TABLE III.

WHERE STORED.	Second quarter of 1896-97.	Third quarter of 1896-97.	Fourth quarter of 1896-97.	First quarter of 1897-98.	Second quarter of 1897-98.
1	2	3	4	5	6
	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.
Sulkea Government salt godas	17,03,953	13,11,553	10,11,030	8,10,740	16,05,486
Kidderpore Dock ditto	1,703	...	...	...	...
Ditto private salt godas	...	5,866	34,834	4,135	6,104
Chittagong Government salt godas	18,168	60	16,361	91,121	2,62,022
Ditto private ditto	44,103	20,235	...	...	...
Narayanganj (Bonded Warehouse of Messrs. Turner, Morrison & Co.)	...	...	...	...	...
Khulna (ditto)	5,038	2,320	21,461	10,800	2,125
Balsore (ditto)	...	6,774	4,332	3,823	1,850
Chandbali (ditto)	...	3,930	910	6,742	4,374
Bhairab Bazar (ditto)	...	10,684	10,224	22,066	10,082
Jhalakati (ditto)	...	2,000	225	175	12,000
Total	18,63,025	13,63,428	11,00,279	9,50,565	19,19,603

6. The despatches of salt from Calcutta by water and the three railways passing the several pass-stations into the interior of the country, both east and west of the river Hooghly, as well as the despatches by steamers and flats during the quarter under review and the corresponding quarters of the last two years, are shown in table IV below:—

TABLE IV.

PERIOD.	BY WATER.					BY RAIL.			BY STEAMERS AND FLATS.	
	Via Balithal.	Via Sankrail.	Via Gowanahally.	Via Kidderpore.	Via Ballisghata.	Via Rutherford Ghat.	By the East Indian Railway.	By the Eastern Bengal, Bengal Central and Southern Eastern Railways or via Chittpur.	Quantity despatched to the interior (including Orissa).	Quantity despatched to Orissa.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.
Second quarter of 1896-96...	2,20,104	1,43,761	69,614	90,755	4,07,787	1,514	6,96,776	2,91,438	3,58,800	80,986
Ditto of 1896-97...	2,15,004	1,43,214	63,110	58,333	2,06,848	1,207	7,05,886	3,61,230	2,54,816	62,600
Ditto of 1897-98...	1,80,937	1,36,614	61,136	49,636	3,10,756	1,300	10,31,286	2,30,178	4,13,746	15,109

7. The quantity of salt despatched by the East Indian Railway to			stations beyond Buxar during the quarter amounted to 2,623 maunds and 10 seers, as noted in the margin, against an equal quantity despatched in the previous quarter and 9,742 maunds and 30 seers in the corresponding quarter of the previous year.
		Mds. s.	
July	...	1,124 10	
August	...	874 30	
September	...	1,124 10	
Total	...	2,623 10	

8. The quantity of saltpetre salt removed from the refineries during the quarter on payment of duty amounted to 6,137 maunds, as compared with 11,754 maunds in the previous quarter and 5,315 maunds in the corresponding quarter of the previous year.

9. The shipments of Liverpool salt for the port of Calcutta, according to the published market reports, were as follows :—

					Tons.
July	...	...	...	...	19,810
August	...	...	...	...	26,030
September	...	...	...	...	16,010
Total	...	...	...	...	61,850

It is reported that three sailing vessels were *en route* for Calcutta at the close of the quarter with 9,850 tons of salt from Hamburg.

10. Table V shows the average wholesale price per 100 maunds of Liverpool and other descriptions of salt during each fortnight of the quarter :—

TABLE V.

DESCRIPTION OF SALT.	Fortnight ending 15th July 1897.	Fortnight ending 31st July 1897.	Fortnight ending 15th August 1897.	Fortnight ending 31st August 1897.	Fortnight ending 15th September 1897.	Fortnight ending 30th September 1897.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Liverpool pansa	88 3 5	81 1 11	78 1 4	78 11 8	76 1 10	78 12 8
Hamburg karkash	...	74 9 1	74 1 9	70 2 4	71 11 1	73 10 8
Muscat ditto	60 1 10	63 4 0	61 13 0	...	...	...
Jeddah ditto	...	...	...	...	60 0 0	59 9 1
Bombay ditto	55 0 0	54 13 4	55 0 0	61 10 10	66 0 0	66 0 0
Rock ditto	...	...	...	...	...	...

11. The following table (VI) shows the quantity of sea-imported salt admitted into bond and cleared from bond and shipboard at Chittagong, Narayanganj, Khulna, Balasore, Chandbali, Bhairab Bazar (Mymensingh) and Jhalakati during the quarter, and the corresponding quarter of the previous year :—

TABLE VI.

PORT OR STATION.	Description of salt.	ADMITTED INTO BOND.		CLEARED.	
		Second quarter of 1896-97.	Second quarter of 1897-98.	Second quarter of 1896-97.	Second quarter of 1897-98.
1	2	3	4	5	6
		Mds. s. c.	Mds. s. c.	Mds. s. c.	Mds. s. c.
Chittagong	Liverpool	...	1,63,370 0 0	88,710 19 0	64,887 36 0
	Hamburg	...	42,300 0 0	...	6,000 0 0
Narayanganj	Liverpool	...	49,000 0 0	60,616 30 0	79,798 0 0
Khulna	Ditto	25,100 0 0	19,351 0 0	31,130 0 0	20,731 0 0
Balasore	Ditto	...	12,956 0 0	...	14,984 28 0
Chandbali	Ditto	...	32,000 0 0	3,448 0 0	37,596 10 3
Bhairab Bazar	Ditto	6,700 0 0	30,000 0 0	5,700 0 0	17,988 0 0
Jhalakati	Ditto	...	41,000 0 0	...	31,500 0 0
	Total	30,800 0 0	3,80,677 0 0	1,69,509 9 0	2,72,742 24 3

No transactions in sea-imported salt have been reported for the quarter from Cuttack and Puri.

No. 3,117 State.—The following is published for general information.

M. FINUCANE,
Secy. to the Govt. of Bengal.

Statement showing the Stocks of Rice in and around Calcutta during November 1897.

NAMES OF MARKS.	Stock in hand as compiled on—							
	1st week of Nov. 1896. Mds.	2nd week of Oct. 1897. Mds.	3rd week of Oct. 1897. Mds.	4th week of Oct. 1897. Mds.	1st week of Nov. 1897. Mds.	2nd week of Nov. 1897. Mds.	3rd week of Nov. 1897. Mds.	4th week of Nov. 1897. Mds.
Baliaghatta	1,70,000	1,14,300	1,20,500	1,28,500	94,700	1,02,500	1,13,500	1,21,500
Uttadanga	44,300	12,200	12,600	14,600	12,800	11,800	13,500	14,050
Chitpur, Golabari, Kumartuly, Hathbola, and Oulpi Ghat...	4,06,600	1,22,100	1,23,500	1,24,700	1,06,000	1,12,600	1,19,700	1,23,000
Pathuriaghatta, Posta, and Jorabagan	500	640	780	940	1,250	1,450	1,600	1,700
Tollygunge, Chetla, Kidderpore, and Munshiganj	90,200	73,600	53,700	57,800	45,700	54,600	46,900	53,200
Minor bazars (1)	2,40,000	2,40,000	2,40,000	2,40,000	2,40,000	2,40,000	2,40,000	2,40,000
Other retail shops (1)	2,50,000	2,50,000	2,50,000	2,50,000	2,50,000	2,50,000	2,50,000	2,50,000
Ramkrishnapur	.....	36,900	38,200	42,900	29,300	33,300	35,500	40,900
Baidyabati, Nawabganj, Bhadres- war, and Chandernagoret	4,365	2,956	4,204	210	3,178	3,622	1,747	2,800
Total	12,05,965	8,52,696	8,43,484	8,59,650	7,82,928	8,09,372	8,22,447	8,47,150
On Railway premises on both sides of the river.‡	3,253 (on 3rd Nov. 1896).	7,623 (on 9th Oct. 1897.)	22,551 (on 16th Oct. 1897.)	55,261 (on 23rd Oct. 1897.)	85,743 (on 30th Oct. 1897).	68,494 (on 6th Nov. 1897).	92,515 (on 13th Nov. 1897).	75,787 (on 20th Nov. 1897).
On boats not yet unloaded.— By Port Commissioners' returns	37,423 (1st to 3rd Nov. 1896).	40,372 (9th to 11th Oct. 1897.)	24,158 (16th to 18th Oct. 1897.)	24,044 (23rd to 25th Oct. 1897.)	25,203 (30th Oct. to 1st Nov. 1897).	37,366 (6th to 8th Nov. 1897).	31,473 (13th to 15th Nov. 1897.)	27,015 (20th to 22nd Nov. 1897.)
By Canal returns	10,355 (1st to 3rd Nov. 1896).	9,726 (9th to 11th Oct. 1897.)	9,570 (16th to 18th Oct. 1897.)	5,050 (23rd to 25th Oct. 1897.)	7,128 (30th Oct. to 1st Nov. 1897).	7,046 (6th to 8th Nov. 1897).	6,323 (13th to 15th Nov. 1897.)	14,100 (20th to 22nd Nov. 1897.)
Grand Total of Stocks	12,56,996	9,10,417	8,99,763	9,44,005	9,01,002	9,22,778	9,52,758	9,64,052

* This mart is in the Howrah district, and the figures have been obtained by local enquiry.

† Figures furnished by the Collector of Hooghly.

‡ Ditto by the Railway authorities.

(1) Estimated as a constant quantity.

STATISTICAL DEPARTMENT,
The 23rd November 1897.M. FINUCANE,
Secretary to the Government of Bengal.

STATISTICS OF THE SEA-BORNE TRAFFIC OF CALCUTTA IN FOOD-GRAINS.

No. 3161 Statistics.—The following memorandum and statements are published for general information.

STATISTICAL DEPARTMENT,
The 23rd November 1897.

M. FINUCANE,
Secy. to the Govt. of Bengal.

Memorandum.

The sea-borne import and export traffic of Calcutta in food-grains during the week ending 7th November 1896 and the corresponding period of 1897 is shown in the following statement:—

		1ST TO 7TH NOVEMBER.			
		1896.		1897.	
1		2	3	4	5
		Owts.	Mds.	Owts.	Mds.
<i>Imports.</i>					
From Foreign Ports	...	.....	.....	305	415
" Indian "	...	45,879	62,446	87,351	1,18,894
Total	...	45,879	62,446	87,656	1,19,309
<i>Exports.</i>					
To Foreign Ports	...	107,575	1,46,421	76,387	1,03,971
" Indian "	...	28,610	38,941	6,668	9,076
Total	...	136,185	1,85,362	83,055	1,13,047

Imports.—The staples comprising the import traffic are shown in the table below, and the figures for the period are compared with those for the corresponding period of last year:—

		1ST TO 7TH NOVEMBER.			
		1896.		1897.	
1		2	3	4	5
		Owts.	Mds.	Owts.	Mds.
<i>Food-grains.</i>					
Rice	...	12,766	17,376	82,884	1,12,814
Paddy	...	1,508	2,052	3,050	4,161
Wheat	...	9,899	13,474	.....	.....
Gram and pulses	...	21,272	28,953	1,600	2,178
Other food-grains, such as jowar, barley, oats, &c.	...	434	591	122	166
Total	...	45,879	62,446	87,656	1,19,309

Imports.—During the period under report, the imports of rice amounted to 82,884 cwts., against 12,766 cwts. in the week ending 7th November 1896. The amount imported from Burma was 82,883 cwts., against only 12,024 cwts. in the first week of November 1896, and that from Hong-Kong 1 cwt., against nil in the corresponding period of last year. Imports of paddy rose from 1,508 cwts. to 3,050 cwts., owing to the imports from Rangoon. The decrease under the head of gram and pulses amounted to 19,672 cwts., the amount imported from the Madras ports being only 1,100 cwts., against 20,720 cwts. in the corresponding period of 1896.

Exports.—In the following statement the total quantity of each kind of food-grain exported by sea during the first week of November 1897 is compared with that for the corresponding period of 1896 :—

	1st to 7th November			
	1896.		1897.	
1	2	3	4	5
	Cwts.	Mds.	Cwts.	Mds.
<i>Food-grains.</i>				
Rice	110,917	1,50,970	60,139	81,856
Paddy	22	30	.....	.....
Wheat	1,160	1,579	1,655	2,253
Gram and pulses	21,496	29,258	15,578	21,203
Other food-grains, such as jowar, barley, oats, &c.	2,590	3,525	5,683	7,735
Total ...	136,185	1,85,362	83,055	1,13,047

The exports of rice from Calcutta to foreign ports declined from 97,794 cwts. in the first week of November 1896 to 59,821 cwts. in the period under report. There were no exports to Reunion, Muscat, Natal, Persia, New South Wales, and Fiji Islands, which took 29,627 cwts. in the corresponding period of last year. The despatches to the United Kingdom showed a decrease of 6,236 cwts. The exports of miscellaneous food-grains increased from 264 cwts. to 5,683 cwts., in consequence of the despatches to Mauritius having risen from 220 cwts. to 5,664 cwts. during the first week of November 1897.

As regards Indian ports, the exports of rice during the first week of November 1897 amounted to only 318 cwts., against 13,123 cwts. in the corresponding period of last year, owing chiefly to the cessation of exports to Bombay, which took 12,291 cwts. during the first week of November 1896. The exports of gram and pulse declined from 12,449 cwts. to 4,937 cwts., owing to there being no shipments to Bombay, against 9,621 cwts. in the first week of November 1896.

Detailed statements showing the sources of supply and the places of destination, both as regards Foreign and Indian ports, are given below:—

Statement No. I, showing the Imports of Food-grains into Calcutta from Foreign and Indian Ports during the week ending 7th November 1896 and 1897.

Ports.				Rice.	Paddy.	Wheat.	Gram and pulse.	Other food-grains, such as jowar, barley, oats, &c.	Total.
1				2	3	4	5	6	7
<i>From Indian Ports.</i>				Cwts.	Cwts.	Cwts.	Cwts.	Cwts.	Cwts.
Bombay	...	...	{ 1896 ... 1897 ...	..... .....	..... .....	9,899 .....	..... 1	..... .....	9,899 1
	{ Madras	...	{ 1896 ... 1897 ...	..... .....	..... .....	..... .....	7,840 1,100	..... .....	7,840 1,100
{ Bimlipatam		...	{ 1896 ... 1897 ...	..... .....	..... .....	..... .....	171 .....	..... .....	171
	{ Coconada	...	{ 1896 ... 1897 ...	..... .....	..... .....	..... .....	11,611	434	12,045
{ Gopalpur		...	{ 1896 ... 1897 ...	149 .....	..... .....	..... .....	..... .....	..... .....	149
	{ Masulipatam	...	{ 1896 ... 1897 ...	200 .....	..... .....	..... .....	1,098 .....	..... .....	1,298
{ Rangoon		...	{ 1896 ... 1897 ...	12,024 62,405	..... 3,050	..... .....	552 195	..... 122	12,576 65,772
	{ Moulmein	...	{ 1896 ... 1897 ...	..... 20,478	..... .....	..... .....	..... .....	..... .....	..... 20,478
Chittagong		...	{ 1896 ... 1897 ...	..... .....	745 .....	..... .....	..... .....	..... .....	745
	Balasore—Balasore	...	{ 1896 ... 1897 ...	393	763 .....	..... .....	..... .....	..... .....	1,156
Total Indian Ports			{ 1896 ... 1897 ...	12,766 82,883	1,508 3,050	9,899	21,272 1,296	434 122	45,879 87,351
<i>From Foreign Ports.</i>									
China—Hong-Kong	...	...	{ 1896 ... 1897 ...	..... 1	..... .....	..... .....	..... .....	..... .....	..... 1
	Straits Settlements	...	{ 1896 ... 1897 ...	..... .....	..... .....	..... .....	..... 304	..... .....	..... 304
Total Foreign Ports		...	{ 1896 ... 1897 ...	..... 1	..... .....	..... .....	..... 304	..... .....	..... 305
	GRAND TOTAL OF FOREIGN AND INDIAN PORTS			{ 1896 ... 1897 ...	12,766 82,884	1,508 3,050	9,899	21,272 1,600	434 122	45,879 87,656

Statement No. II, showing the Exports of Food-grains from Calcutta to Foreign and Indian Ports during the week ending 7th November 1896 and 1897.

Ports.	Rice.	Paddy.	Wheat.	Gram and pulse.	Other food-grains, such as jowar, barley, oats, &c.	Total.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
<i>To Foreign Ports.</i>						
	Cwts.	Cwts.	Cwts.	Cwts.	Cwts.	Cwts.
United Kingdom ... { 1896 ... 15,284 ... 257 ... 15,521	1897 ... 9,028 ... 511 ... 9,542					
Cape Colony { Cape Town ... { 1896 ... 553 ... 553	1897					
East London ... { 1896 ... 868 ... 868	1897					
Mauritius ... { 1896 ... 99,895 ... 293 ... 41,214	1897 ... 34,149 ... 9,756 ... 49,609				220 ... 5,664	
Natal ... { 1896 ... 2,891 ... 2,891	1897					
Reunion ... { 1896 ... 21,444 ... 21,444	1897					
South America—Demerara ... { 1896 ... 16 ... 16	1897					
United States—New York ... { 1896 ... 1 ... 1	1897					
West Indies—Trinidad ... { 1896 ... 73 ... 73	1897					
Aden ... { 1896 ... 7,166 ... 7,238	1897 ... 3,616 ... 3,616					
Arabia—Mascat ... { 1896 ... 3,116 ... 3,116	1897					
Ceylon ... { 1896 ... 10,893 ... 12,121	1897 ... 12,033 ... 37 ... 12,970		3	1,225		
China—Hong-Kong ... { 1896 ... 147 ... 162	1897 ... 22 ... 16 ... 37					
Persia ... { 1896 ... 1,198 ... 1,198	1897					
Straits Settlements ... { 1896 ... 29 ... 485	1897 ... 73 ... 242 ... 279 ... 3 ... 597		27	385	44	
New South Wales ... { 1896 ... 890 ... 1,020	1897			130		
Fiji Islands ... { 1896 ... 88 ... 170	1897			82		
Total Foreign Ports ... { 1896 ... 97,794 ... 107,575	1897 ... 69,821 ... 242 ... 10,641 ... 5,683 ... 76,887		470	9,047	264	

Ports.				Rice.	Paddy.	Wheat.	Gram and pulse.	Other food-grains, such as jowar, barley, oats, &c.	Total.	
1				2	3	4	5	6	7	
To Indian Ports.				Cwts.	Cwts.	Cwts.	Cwts.	Cwts.	Cwts.	
Bombay	...	...	{ 1896 ... 1897 ...	12,391	22 .....	... .. ... ..	9,621	127	22,061
Madras	{	Madras	{ 1896 ... 1897 ...	... .. .....	..... .....	... .. 408	..... 1,688	..... ... ..	..... 2,091
		Coconada	{ 1896 ... 1897 ..	... .. .....	..... .....	..... 224	..... ... ..	..... .....	..... 224
		Cochin	{ 1896 ... 1897 ...	... .. 7	..... .....	..... .....	..... .....	..... .....	..... 7
Burma	{	Rangoon	{ 1896 ... 1897 ...	683 223	..... .....	587 696	2,468 2,489	2,199	5,937 3,408
		Akyab	{ 1896 ... 1897 ...	3 15	... .. .....	... .. .....	45 108	..... .....	47 123
		Moulmein	{ 1896 ... 1897 ...	..... .....	..... .....	... .. .....	59 39	..... .....	59 39
		Sandoway	{ 1896 ... 1897 ...	..... .....	..... .....	..... .....	1 2	... .. .....	1 2
		Chittagong	{ 1896 ... 1897 ..	147	156 486	..........	303 486
Balasore—Chandbali	...	...	{ 1896 ... 1897 ...	..... .....	..... .....	108 90	99 125	..... .....	202 215
Travancore—Allopy	...	...	{ 1896 ... 1897 ...	..... 78	..... .....	..... .....	..... .....	..... ... ..	..... 73
Total Indian Ports				{ 1896 ... 1897 ...	13,123 318	22	690 1,413	12,449 4,937	2,326	28,610 6,663
GRAND TOTAL OF FOREIGN AND INDIAN PORTS.				{ 1896 ... 1897 ...	110,917 60,139	22	1,160 1,655	21,498 15,578	2,590 5,683	136,185 83,055

STATISTICS OF THE SEA-BORNE TRAFFIC OF THE MINOR PORTS
IN BENGAL IN FOOD-GRAINS.

No. 3160 Statistics.—The following memorandum and statements are published for general information.

STATISTICAL DEPT.,
The 23rd November 1897.

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Memorandum.

THE comparative statements below give statistics of the import and export trade of the minor ports of Chittagong, Narayanganj, Balasore (including both Balasore and Chandbali), Cuttack, and Puri during the week ending 7th November 1897, as compared with the trade of the corresponding period of 1896 :—

IMPORTS.

Port.			From Foreign ports.	From Indian ports.	Total.	
			Cwts.	Cwts.	Cwts.	Mds.
Chittagong	...	{ 1896	.....	116	116	158
	...	{ 1897	.....	55	55	75
Narayanganj	...	{ 1896	.....	.....	.....	.....
	...	{ 1897	.....	.....	.....	.....
Balasore ports	...	{ 1896	.....	99	99	135
	...	{ 1897	.....	349	349	475
Cuttack	...	{ 1896	.....	.....	.....	.....
	...	{ 1897	.....	.....	.....	.....
Puri	...	{ 1896	.....	.....	.....	...
	...	{ 1897	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total	...	{ 1896	.....	215	215	293
	...	{ 1897	.....	404	404	550

EXPORTS.

Port.			To Foreign ports.	To Indian ports.	Total.	
			Cwts.	Cwts.	Cwts.	Mds.
Chittagong	...	{ 1896	.....	.....	.....	...
	...	{ 1897	.....	.....	.....	.....
Narayanganj	...	{ 1896	.....	52	52	71
	...	{ 1897	.....	88	88	120
Balasore ports	...	{ 1896	.....	24,069	24,069	32,761
	...	{ 1897	.....	17,491	17,491	23,807
Cuttack	...	{ 1896	.....	.....	.....	.....
	...	{ 1897	6,129	735	6,864	9,343
Puri	...	{ 1896	.....	.....	.....	.....
	...	{ 1897	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total	...	{ 1896	.....	24,121	24,121	32,832
	...	{ 1897	6,129	18,314	24,443	33,270

The import trade of the Balasore ports improved by 250 cwts., owing chiefly to the receipts of 166 cwts. of wheat and other food-grains from Calcutta, against nil in the corresponding period of 1896, while the export trade of those ports declined by 6,578 cwts. mainly on account of smaller despatches of rice and gram and pulse to Calcutta. False Point despatched 6,864 cwts. of rice to Colombo and Cochin, against nil during the week ending 7th November 1896.

Detailed statements showing the sources of supply and the places of destination, both as regards Foreign and Indian ports, are given below:—

Statement showing the quantities of Food-grains imported into Chittagong from each Foreign and Indian Port during the week ending 7th November 1897, as compared with the trade of the corresponding period of 1896.

PORTS FROM WHICH IMPORTED.	Rice.		Paddy.		Wheat.		Gram and pulse.		Other food-grains, such as jowar, barley, oats, &c.		TOTAL.	
	1896.	1897.	1896.	1897.	1896.	1897.	1896.	1897.	1896.	1897.	1896.	1897.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
<i>Foreign Ports.</i>	Cwts.	Cwts.	Cwts.	Cwts.	Cwts.	Cwts.	Cwts.	Cwts.	Cwts.	Cwts.	Cwts.	Cwts.
Nil	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
<i>Indian Port.</i>												
Calcutta	81	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	15	34	40	116	55
Total	81	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	15	34	40	116	55

Statement showing the quantities of Food-grains exported from Narayanganj to each Foreign and Indian Port during the week ending 7th November 1897, as compared with the trade of the corresponding period of 1896.

PORTS TO WHICH EXPORTED.	Rice.		Paddy.		Wheat.		Gram and pulse.		Other food-grains, such as jowar, barley, oats, &c.		TOTAL.	
	1896.	1897.	1896.	1897.	1896.	1897.	1896.	1897.	1896.	1897.	1896.	1897.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
<i>Foreign Ports.</i>	Cwts.	Cwts.	Cwts.	Cwts.	Cwts.	Cwts.	Cwts.	Cwts.	Cwts.	Cwts.	Cwts.	Cwts.
Nil	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
<i>Indian Port.</i>												
Chittagong	.....	73	.....	.....	.....	.....	52	15	.....	.....	52	85
Total	.....	73	.....	.....	.....	.....	52	15	.....	.....	52	85

Statement showing the quantities of Food-grains imported into Balasore from each Foreign and Indian Port during the week ending 7th November 1897, as compared with the trade of the corresponding period of 1896.

PORTS FROM WHICH IMPORTED.	Rice.		Paddy.		Wheat.		Gram and pulse.		Other food-grains, such as jowar, barley, oats, &c.		Total.	
	1896.	1897.	1896.	1897.	1896.	1897.	1896.	1897.	1896.	1897.	1896.	1897.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
<i>Foreign Ports.</i>	Cwts.	Cwts.	Cwts.	Cwts.	Cwts.	Cwts.	Cwts.	Cwts.	Cwts.	Cwts.	Cwts.	Cwts.
Nil	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
<i>Indian Port.</i>												
Calcutta	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	119	99	153	.....	47	90	349
Total	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	119	99	153	.....	47	90	349

EXPORTS OF FOOD-GRAINS BY THE EASTERN BENGAL STATE
RAILWAY.

No. 3162 Statistics.—The following statement shows the quantity of rice and other food-grains exported by the Eastern Bengal State Railway from Sealdah and Calcutta during the period from 1st January to 6th November 1897, both days inclusive, to have been 13,26,892 maunds. The destination of 13,22,615 maunds is specified. Of this quantity, 10,42,209 maunds were carried to stations in Bengal Proper, and 94,428 maunds to Bihar and Chota Nagpur, 45,911 maunds to the North-Western Provinces and Oudh, 1,32,134 maunds to Assam, and the rest (7,933 maunds) to other provinces.

STATISTICAL DEPARTMENT,

The 23rd November 1897.

M. FINUCANE,

Secretary to the Govt. of Bengal.

Statement showing the quantities of rice and other food-grains exported from Sealdah and Calcutta (Port Trust Railway, Chitpur and Kidderpore Docks), by the Eastern Bengal State Railway, from 1st January to 6th November 1897.

STATION TO WHICH CONSIGNED.	Total from 1st January to 26th June 1897.	Total from 27th June to 31st July 1897.	Total from 1st to 28th August 1897.	Total from 29th August to 25th Septem- ber 1897.	Total from 26th Septem- ber to 30th October 1897.	Week ending 6th Novem- ber 1897.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
BENGAL.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.
<i>24-Parganas.</i>						
Barraekpore ...	1,071	374	...	...	...	...
Shamnagar ...	5	...	...	...	...	...
Kankinara ...	302	...	...	...	1	...
Naihati ...	149	182	...	20	...	...
Kanohrapara ...	34	24	4	2	...	...
Duttapukur ...	84	...	...	...	16	...
Gobardanga ...	1,191	359	190	252	613	...
Akra Junction ...	9	...	...	...	...	...
Muslandpur ...	9	4	6	...	9	...
Mugra Hat ...	4	...	...	...	...	...
Guma ...	60	...	...	...	...	...
Budge-Budge ...	8	...	...	...	...	...
Dogachhia ...	8	...	...	...	...	...
Habra ...	...	...	12	...	...	...
Barnipur ...	...	...	...	5	...	...
Total ...	2,934	943	212	279	639	...
<i>Nadia.</i>						
Chakdaha ...	97	...	142	...	4	18
Ranaghat ...	785	131	81	6	249	5
Aranghata ...	45	...	...	...	...	...
Bagula ...	17,323	3,058	4	17	...	...
Kishanganj ...	3,781	1,711	971	302	...	...
Banpur ...	608	148	126	...	6	...
Ramnagar ...	2,874	729	568	109	9	10
Jairampur ...	2,325	1,072	560	168	...	...
Chuadanga ...	17,306	5,264	1,117	200	165	30
Munshiganj ...	6,447	1,509	69	9	12	...
Alamdanga ...	35,663	11,839	2,523	18	50	...
Halsa ...	2,339	483	...	503	193	11
Poradaha ...	2,340	245	15	...	...	...
Jagati ...	2,853	905	21	13	...	5
Kushtia ...	47,273	19,967	1,582	3,368	1,198	120
Kumarkhali ...	20,440	18,740	774	2,504	2,496	25
Koksa ...	6,567	3,583	637	234	643	...
Mirpur ...	20,759	2,549	148	15	61	...
Bhairamara ...	29,622	2,962	14	...	168	...
Damukdia ...	7,107	13,189	3,425	908	247	6
Gangnapur ...	32	20	61	...	...	21
Madanpur ...	9	88	...	28	...	6
Sibnibash ...	...	...	...	...	39	...
Total ...	2,26,600	88,192	12,838	8,402	5,540	257
<i>Jessore.</i>						
Chandpara ...	150	18	15	...	...	...
Bangaon ...	1,667	213	268	358	554	21
Gopalnagar ...	521	69	129	240	235	2
Benapol ...	296	268	69	26	44	...
Nabharan ...	634	227	129	40	36	...
Jhikargacha ...	7,048	1,685	1,004	312	502	36
Jessore ...	6,649	3,482	1,017	418	254	60
Rupdia ...	58	59	3	8	...	1
Singia ...	16,316	7,275	40	55	76	277
Narai ...	258	...	...	...	...	...
Binodpur ...	1,056	110	...	...	...	...
Nohatta ...	828	77	2	...	4	...
Other places ...	2,529	250	...	4	10	...
Total ...	37,510	13,733	2,676	1,461	1,715	397

STATION TO WHICH CONSIGNEE.	Total from 1st January to 26th June 1897.	Total from 27th June to 31st July 1897.	Total from 1st to 28th August 1897.	Total from 29th August to 25th September 1897.	Total from 26th September to 30th October 1897.	Week ending 6th November 1897.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
BENGAL—contd.						
<i>Khulna.</i>	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.
Fakir Hât ...	...	...	20	...	6	...
Nawapara ...	1,535	876	51	10	118	...
Phultala ...	346	119	180	26	44	...
Daulatpur ...	148	20	30	75	22	...
Khulna ...	3,526	5,343	419	435	125	29
Bagir Hât ...	15	18	...	...	...	...
Bhatpara ...	8	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	5,578	6,376	700	546	315	29
<i>Rajahahi.</i>						
Malanchi ...	1,503	2,126	...	542	370	...
Gopalpur ...	73	260	...	...	...	...
Nator ...	498	1,873	1,294	2,363	931	10
Attrai ...	37	982	4,434	1,380	2,055	...
Raninagar ...	108	304	185	40	...	...
Alipur ...	14,912	3,108	...	...	...	...
Rampur Boalia ...	1,348	3,594	1,862	...	170	...
Sara ...	493	301	4	3	141	...
Charghat ...	...	448	...	...	...	...
Madhanagar ...	...	...	100	...	...	...
Total ...	18,972	12,996	7,879	4,328	3,667	10
<i>Dinajpur.</i>						
Parbatipur ...	...	358	...	...	...	...
Kangaon ...	6	883	400	...	...	...
Charkai ...	192	24	32	124	68	...
Phulbari ...	82	232	97	...	20	...
Raiganj ...	1	...	...	...	...	2
Dinajpur ...	1,007	3,778	2,787	...	772	...
Kahaganj ...	...	140	...	...	...	...
Total ...	1,288	5,415	3,266	124	860	2
<i>Jalpaiguri.</i>						
Belakoba ...	632	150	...	...	389	...
Dam-Dim ...	171	...	...	...	...	...
Obilahati ...	70	300	332	1,069	780	...
Haldibari ...	24,726	7,041	8,081	14,029	18,081	148
Jalpaiguri ...	25,961	13,032	2,609	5,580	4,814	...
Ramshai Hât ...	9,716	5	406	378	40	...
Chalsa Road Ghât ...	1,220	...	203	1,401	246	...
Malbazar ...	1,981	165	...	...	220	...
Deomoni ...	103	...	...	...	...	...
Mandal Ghât ...	713	520	...	235	990	100
Total ...	65,293	21,213	6,625	22,692	25,560	248
<i>Darjeeling.</i>						
Siliguri ...	5,857	887	41	1,644	1,227	210
Kurseong ...	4,097	14	6	412	5	...
Sonada ...	1,056	...	...	410	1,040	150
Ghum ...	4,465	1,175	713	651	1,647	...
Darjeeling ...	3,184	1,386	1,074	552	1,680	20
Mahanadi ...	...	...	...	1	...	...
Tindaria ...	...	...	...	100	...	...
Rangtang ...	...	...	...	...	130	...
Total ...	18,659	3,462	1,834	3,770	5,729	380

STATION TO WHICH CONSIGNED.	Total from 1st January to 26th June 1897.	Total from 27th June to 31st July 1897.	Total from 1st to 28th August 1897.	Total from 29th August to 25th September 1897.	Total from 26th September to 30th October 1897.	Week ending 6th November 1897.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
BENGAL—contd.						
<i>Rangpur.</i>	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.
Daroani ...	...	237	305	100	...	...
Rangpur ...	1,337	1,458	634	803	739	85
Kaunia ...	234	...	12	277	54	20
Badarganj ...	24	...	38	20	18	...
Saidpur ...	1,495	2,373	1,450	658	633	...
Nilphamari ...	236	505	868	603	745	14
Domar ...	8,097	5,191	1,359	7,691	15,197	1,536
Tista ...	392	...	...	...	...	...
Lalmoir Hat ...	453	...	6	...	...	...
Magal Hat ...	200	...	356	56	62	...
Kurigram ...	964	55	127	449	112	2
Jatrapur ...	426	34	26	130	69	...
Porabari ...	680	29	81	520	193	...
Madarganj ...	4	...	20	91	2,595	...
Kamarjani ...	1,388	36	35	242	128	64
Chilmari ...	248	70	20	85	42	...
Rowmari ...	133	...	21	26	90	34
Shampur ...	100	...	...	5	...	...
Total ...	16,411	9,988	5,358	11,816	20,677	1,755
<i>Bogra.</i>	...	...	...	...	...	...
Panchbibi ...	...	100	150	200	...	...
Jaipur Hat ...	16	1,493	583	994	1,871	...
Jamrbari ...	1,859	229	416	832	823	8
Sultanpur ...	170	953	4,148	2,769	5,375	20
Akkelpur ...	390	1,117	1,665	501	1,810	...
Hili ...	105	987	335	213	204	16
Jamalganj ...	507	1,274	722	120	430	671
Tilakpur ...	...	108	...	...	...	...
Nakhila ...	...	...	...	37	90	...
Total ...	3,047	6,261	8,019	5,716	10,603	715
<i>Pabna.</i>	...	...	...	...	...	...
Nagarbari ...	1,263	201	300	801	170	...
Banagram ...	85	...	...	...	...	...
Belkuchi ...	3,996	1,154	192	2,219	1,024	10
Serajganj ...	11,476	2,477	3,771	10,840	934	46
Pabna ...	4	...	...	...	...	...
Sthalchar ...	...	...	5	8	38	...
Bera ...	...	...	12	18	...	...
Total ...	16,824	3,832	4,280	13,886	2,166	56
<i>Cooch Behar.</i>	...	...	...	...	...	...
Chaurh Hat ...	1,476	...	...	...	167	...
Torsa ...	28,106	...	360	183	601	101
Other places ...	917	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	30,499	...	360	183	768	101
<i>Dacca.</i>	...	...	...	...	...	...
Dorogram ...	...	...	...	17	1	...
Elashin ...	6	9	16	218	541	...
Narayanganj ...	1,436	104	520	4,425	140	...
Dacca ...	533	69	136	466	180	16
Kadirpur ...	22	28	327	253	2	...
Tarpasa ...	815	29	...	302	24	...
Kamalaghat ...	13	38	...	...	...	...
Bahar ...	13	...	...	387	...	...
Moynai ...	12	2	...	...	1	...
Postagola ...	513	...	...	...	...	...
Maniknagar ...	2	...	...	2	2	...
Aricha ...	...	12	...	...	31	4
Subhar	296	165	300
Elachipur	6
Bishnaudi	20
Total ...	3,365	291	999	6,392	1,087	320

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7.
BENGAL—contd.						
<i>Mymensingh.</i>	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.
Gafargaon ...	16
Mymensingh ...	651	14	144	248	354	...
Bhairab Bazar ...	41	...	...	76	41	...
Bahadurabad ...	254	20	...	94	204	52
Hargilachar ...	336	121	22	32	40	...
Jagannathganj ...	1,186	25	63	165	924	2
Subarnakhali ...	2,559	264	102	171	73	...
Sadhuganj ...	...	...	...	2	...	...
Total ...	5,043	444	331	783	1,636	54
<i>Faridpur.</i>						
Doomasa ...	...	...	...	127	126	...
Daulatdia ...	11,346	...	...	...	...	...
Lallgolla ...	4,469	2,730	1,275	6,776	4,413	60
Pangsa ...	34,805	12,914	984	1,829	589	7
Belgaohi ...	8,279	300	103	424	118	6
Rajbari ...	13,341	1,124	495	327	406	...
Pachuria ...	19,465	8,746	6,355	5,531	868	...
Goalundo ...	19,895	4,304	2,818	6,353	3,338	600
Faridpur ...	21	...	2	19	26	...
Madaripur ...	6	...	...	5	...	...
Haserkandi ...	4	...	...	20	...	...
Nuria ...	...	30	456	856	130	...
Kartikpur ...	61	...	14	558	43	...
Jobsa ...	...	...	...	86	3	...
Total ...	1,11,692	30,148	12,502	22,911	10,060	673
<i>Backergunge.</i>						
Pirozpur ...	...	5	...	...	4	...
Jhalakati ...	920	...	1,232	2,147	20	...
Barisal ...	249	...	40	20	20	20
Total ...	1,169	5	1,272	2,167	44	20
<i>Tippera.</i>						
Azabpur ...	...	...	...	1	2	...
Haziganj ...	20	...	...	120	20	...
Oomilla ...	130	...	...	132	...	...
Chandpur ...	8	1	240	203	97	...
Akhaura ...	7	8	18	9	6	...
Nayanpur ...	...	...	...	9	...	...
Brahmanbaria ...	...	...	...	3	...	...
Total ...	165	9	258	477	125	...
<i>Noakhah.</i>						
Noakhali ...	471	...	...	1	...	...
Feni ...	...	...	...	3	...	...
Total ...	471	...	...	4	...	...
<i>Chittagong.</i>						
Chittagong ...	54	284	345	613	226	42
<i>Burdwan.</i>						
Sitarampur ...	...	...	412	...	...	...
Rasulpur ...	8
Raniganj ...	428
Total ...	431	...	412
<i>Birbhum.</i>						
Bolpur ...	5
Sainthia ...	2
Total ...	7

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BENGAL—concl'd.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.
<i>Murshidabad.</i>						
Azimganj ...	312	875
Jiaganj ...	20
Total ...	332	375	...	...	...	...
Total of Bengal ...	5,66,844	2,03,967	70,166	1,06,550	91,417	5,059
<i>CHOTA NAGPUR.</i>						
<i>Hazaribagh.</i>						
Giridih ...	390	740	...	...	...	...
<i>Manbhum.</i>						
Purulia ...	937	740	927	360	...	...
Chandil ...	10	...	...	...	...	...
Katrasgarh ...	16	...	...	...	...	...
Pradhan Khanta ...	...	...	740	...	...	...
Total ...	963	740	1,667	360	...	...
<i>Singhbhum.</i>						
Chakradharpur ...	20	...	...	...	...	...
Total of Chota Nagpur	1,373	1,480	1,667	360	...	...
BIHAR.						
<i>Sonthal Parganas.</i>						
Deoghur ...	370	...	...	...	...	...
Pakur ...	6	...	...	...	...	...
Rajmahal ...	...	794	...	...	...	...
Total ...	376	794	...	...	...	...
<i>Bhagalpur.</i>						
Colgong ...	384	...	...	...	...	...
Bhagalpur ...	370	4,100	...	...	...	...
Total ...	754	4,100	...	...	...	...
<i>Monghyr.</i>						
Monghyr ...	370	...	370	...	...	...
Barowni ...	10	...	...	...	...	...
Khagaria ...	742	370	376	...	...	...
Burhi ...	...	1,496	1,516	...	...	...
Kajra ...	161	1,876	375	...	...	...
Jamalpur ...	...	370	...	...	...	...
Garhara ...	...	751	751	...	...	...
Total ...	1,283	4,863	3,388	...	...	...
<i>Patna.</i>						
Barh ...	...	758	1,128	...	...	...
Patna ...	1,050	8,988	2,828	1,110	370	...
Diga Ghat ...	740	386	...	...	...	...
Bakhtiarpur ...	377	771	382	...	...	...
Mokameh ...	745	3,776	2,627	100	...	...
Khusrupur ...	...	2,655	375	...	...	...
Bankipur	875	751	370	370	...
Dinapur	371
Bihta	370
Total ...	2,912	18,075	8,091	1,950	740	...

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BIHAR—concd.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.
<i>Purnea.</i>						
Barsoi	370
Sonali ...	720
Kiehanganj ...	1	1,466
Kasba ...	...	...	200	...	...	...
Total ...	721	1,466	570	...	...	...
<i>Darbhanga.</i>						
Samastipur ...	895	3,004	1,499	...	...	...
Kamtaul ...	370	...	...	...	...	...
Dalsingh Sarai ...	...	3,755	2,632	...	...	...
Total ...	1,265	6,759	4,131	...	...	...
<i>Shahabad.</i>						
Buxar ...	...	...	...	1,852	...	...
Arrah ...	...	1,120	885	...	...	...
Raghunathpur ...	370	...	...	...	...	...
Behea ...	...	...	370	...	...	...
Dumraon ...	...	...	...	370	...	...
Total ...	370	1,120	755	2,222	...	...
<i>Gaya.</i>						
Gaya ...	370	...	11	...	...	...
<i>Muzaffarpur.</i>						
Hajipur ...	740	...	...	...	...	...
Sitamarhi ...	370	...	...	...	...	...
Muzaffarpur ...	2,628	2,281	380	...	...	...
Bhagwanpur ...	...	375	...	...	...	...
Garaul ...	...	376	375	...	...	...
Total ...	3,738	3,032	755	...	...	...
<i>Champaran.</i>						
Bettiah ...	370	...	...	...	...	...
<i>Saran.</i>						
Ekma ...	740	...	...	...	...	...
Revelganj ...	1,870	1,857	...	...	...	...
Chapra ...	1,537	380	370	...	...	...
Savan ...	2,960	1,480	740	...	...	...
Daronda ...	370	1,505	...	...	...	...
Digwara ...	...	758	...	...	...	...
Total ...	7,477	5,980	1,110	...	...	...
Total of Bihar	19,636	46,189	18,811	4,172	740	...
NORTH-WES- TERN PROVIN- CES AND OUDH.						
<i>Ghazipur.</i>						
Dildarnagar ...	...	1,121	...	...	...	...
Ghazipur ...	5	...	...	...	...	...
Tarighat ...	...	370	...	...	...	...
Total ...	5	1,491	...	...	...	...
<i>Benares.</i>						
Benares ...	370	...	...	...	...	...
Zamania ...	...	...	...	...	1,115	...
Total ...	370	...	...	...	1,115	...
<i>Gorakhpur.</i>						
Gauri Bazar ...	370
Chauri Chaura ...	370
Gorakhpur	740
Total ...	740	...	740

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NORTH-WES- TERN PROVIN- CES AND ODH—contd.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.
<i>Mirzapur.</i>						
Mirzapur ...	385
<i>Allahabad.</i>						
Naini Junction ..	370
Mija Road ...	385
Allahabad ...	4,000
Total ...	4,755
<i>Fatthapur.</i>						
Bindki ..	385
<i>Cawnpur.</i>						
Cawnpur ...	7,965	381	...
<i>Etawah.</i>						
Etawah ...	2,383
<i>Mainpuri.</i>						
Shakohabad ...	375
<i>Agra.</i>						
Firozabad ..	767
<i>Muttra.</i>						
Muttra ...	379
<i>Alighur.</i>						
Hattrass ...	3,832	1,144	379
Alighur ...	375
Total ...	4,207	1,144	379
<i>Meerut.</i>						
Meerut ...	758	...	384
<i>Moradabad.</i>						
Moradabad ...	385
<i>Bareilly.</i>						
Faridpur ...	4
Aonla ...	379
Bareilly ...	1,143	81
Total ...	1,526	81
<i>Jamnpur.</i>						
Jamnpur ...	8	3
Jalalganj ...	6
Total ...	14	3
<i>Shahjehanpur.</i>						
Shahjehanpur ...	1,132
Tilhar ...	1,899
Anjho ...	385
Total ...	3,416

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NORTH-WES- TERN PROVIN- CES AND OUDH—concl'd.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.
<i>Lucknow.</i>						
Lucknow ...	1,901	374
Alamnagar ...	3,401
Total ...	5,302	374
<i>Bulandshahar.</i>						
Khurja ...	750
<i>Fyzabad.</i>						
Fyzabad ...	821
Gosainganj ...	385
Total ...	1,206
<i>Hardai.</i>						
Hardai ...	373
Baghaulti ...	748
Total ...	1,121
Other places	2,255	...	370
Total of the North- Western Provin- ces.	39,449	3,012	1,873	81	1,496	...
Panjab ...	1,516	...	370	1,110	1,110	...
Central Provinces ...	456	1	...	2,986
Rajputana and Central India.	384
ASSAM.						
<i>Sylhet.</i>						
Fenchugunge ..	151	503
Sylhet ...	1,294	51	2	371	590	2
Badarpur ...	6,237	106
Balaganj ...	5,052	369	...	425	146	...
Karimganj ...	890	2	1,080
Chattak ...	3
Other places ...	836	1,070	327	...	237	...
Total ...	14,463	2,099	329	796	975	1,082
<i>Cachar.</i>						
Silchar ...	13,847	5,922	261	1,348	4,220	349
<i>Goalpara.</i>						
Dhubri ...	1,208	121	330	632	464	...
Goalpara ...	1,640	310	366	2,384	1,968	88
Total ...	2,848	431	696	3,016	2,432	88

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ASSAM—concl'd.						
<i>Kamrup.</i>	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.
Gauhati ...	673	3,258	2,876	13,257	6,713	2,913
<i>Darrang.</i>						
Tejpur ...	257	111	152	411	259	3
Mangaldai ...	18	160	...	1	56	...
Bishunath ...	51	...	...	...	...	...
Behalimukh ...	...	...	...	410	...	...
Total ...	326	271	152	822	315	3
<i>Sibsagar.</i>						
Nigriting ...	1,826	...	...	13	129	40
Disangmukh ...	1,676	437	190	357	223	20
Dekhumukh ...	3,986	609	697	555	630	82
Kokilamukh ...	557	372	103	...	286	60
Other places ...	1,576	701	10	84	142	...
Total ...	9,621	2,119	1,000	1,009	1,410	202
<i>Lakhimpur.</i>						
Dibrugarh ...	14,366	875	1,887	4,020	3,966	1,650
Palasbari ...	2	20	...	103	6	...
Total ...	14,368	895	1,887	4,123	3,972	1,650
<i>Nowgong.</i>						
Silghat ...	558	...	...	61	507	...
Other places ...	115	26	400	...	112	24
Total of Assam ...	56,819	15,021	7,601	24,432	20,656	6,311
Unspecified places ...	3,843	115	16	143	160	...
GRAND TOTAL ...	6,89,820	2,69,785	1,00,504	1,39,834	1,15,579	11,370
ABSTRACT.						
Total of Bengal ...	5,65,086	2,03,931	70,166	1,06,550	91,417	5,059
Ditto Bihar ...	19,636	46,189	18,811	4,172	740	...
Ditto Chota Nag- pur.	1,373	1,480	1,667	360	...	...
Ditto North-Wes- tern Pro- vinces and Oudh.	39,449	3,012	1,873	81	1,496	...
Ditto Panjab ...	1,516	...	870	1,110	1,110	...
Ditto Central Pro- vinces.	456	1	...	2,986	...	...
Ditto Rajputana and Central India.	384
Assam ...	58,077	15,057	7,601	24,432	20,656	6,311
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GRAND TOTAL ...	6,89,820	2,69,785	1,00,504	1,39,834	1,15,579	11,370

WEATHER AND CROP REPORT.

For the week ending the 22nd November 1897.

Burdwan.—Rainfall at Sadar ·16, Kalna 1·89, Katwa ·24, Raniganj ·63. Weather fair and cool. Sowing of *rabi* finished in places. Prospects of winter rice good. Fodder and water sufficient. Common rice selling as follows:—

	Srs.	Srs.	
Sadar 9½ to 13
Kalna 9 to 10
Katwa 10 to 13
Raniganj 11½
			} per rupee.

Birbhum.—Rainfall at Sadar ·9. Weather seasonable. Prospects of standing crops good. Sowing of *rabi* crops going on. Fodder sufficient. Prices are:—

	Srs.	Srs.	
Sadar 12 13½
Rampur Hât 11½ 14
			} per rupee.

Bankura.—Rainfall at Sadar nil, Vishnupur ·21. Weather seasonable. Sowing of wheat going on. Harvesting of paddy proceeding rapidly. Prospects of standing crops excellent. No cattle-disease reported. Fodder sufficient. Price of common rice (new) at Bankura 16 seers and at Vishnupur 15 seers per rupee.

Midnapore.—No rain. Prospects of paddy, sugarcane and indigo good. *Rabi* crops are being sown. No cattle-disease. Prices of common rice:—

	Srs.	
Sadar 12
Tamluk 10½
Ghatal 10 to 10½
		} per rupee.

Hooghly.—Rainfall at Sadar ·23, Serampore ·09, Jehanabad nil. Winter rice good, and harvesting has commenced in some parts. No cattle-disease.

Howrah.—Rainfall nil. Weather getting cooler. Harvesting of *aman* commenced; outturn favourable. Fodder and water sufficient. Common rice sells at 8½ to 11½ seers per rupee.

24-Parganas.—Rainfall at Basirhat ·14, elsewhere nil. Weather cool. Prospects of crops good. Sowing of *rabi* crops and harvesting of *aman* continue. No cattle-disease. Fodder and water sufficient. Common rice sells as follows:—

	Srs.	
Sadar 8 to 10
Barasat 10
Basirhat 10½
Diamond Harbour (new) 13
		} per rupee.

Nadia.—Rainfall at Sadar ·47, Ranaghat ·44, Chuadanga ·11, Nischindipur ·10. Harvesting of *aman* has commenced in places. *Rabi* crops doing well. Fodder ample. Price of old rice varies from 8 to 9½ seers, and of new rice from 10 to 13 seers per rupee.

Murshidabad.—No rain. Weather seasonable. Prospects of *aman*, sugarcane, and mulberry are favourable. *Kalai* doing well. Sowing of *rabi* crops still continues. Fodder sufficient. No cattle-disease reported. Common rice sells as follows:—

	Srs.	
Sadar 11
Jangipur 12
Kandi 12½
		} per rupee.

Jessore.—No rain. Weather cold and somewhat damp. Condition of standing crops continues favourable. Harvesting of *aman* commenced. Sowing of *rabi* crops and of indigo nearly over. A few cases of cattle-disease reported from Narail and Bangaon. Fodder and water sufficient.

Khulna.—Rainfall at Satkhira ·30. Weather seasonable. Cultivation of *rabi* crops going on. Prospects of *aman* excellent. Water and fodder available. Common rice sells as follows:—

	Srs.	
Sadar 9 to 12
Bagirhat 11
Satkhira 10½
		} per rupee.

Rajshahi.—No rain. Prospects of standing crops excellent. Harvesting of winter paddy has commenced in some places. No cattle-disease reported. Fodder and water sufficient. Rice sells from 8 to 12 seers per rupee.

Dinajpur.—Rainfall nil. Weather cold. Condition of winter rice fair. Sowing of *rabi* in progress. Fodder and water sufficient. No cattle-disease. Price of rice—*bhadoi* 11½ seers and *haimanti* 9 seers per rupee.

Jalpaiguri.—Rainfall nil. Weather seasonable. Prospects of standing crops favourable. Sowing of *rabi* crops continues. Fodder and water sufficient. Average price of common rice 8½ seers per rupee.

Darjeeling.—Rainfall nil. Weather seasonable. *Hills*—Wheat and barley being sown; *marua* and *bhadoi* crops being harvested. *Teral*—*Haimanti* paddy in favourable condition; cultivation of potato and mustard progressing; sugarcane being cut. Prices of coarse rice—

				Srs.	
Hills	...	...	...	...	7 to 8
Teral	...	...	...	...	8 to 10
					} per rupee.
Price of <i>bhutta</i> 16 to 32 seers per rupee.					

Rangpur.—No rain. Harvesting of *aman* commenced in places. Transplantation of tobacco and sowing of potatoes and *rabi* crops going on. Prospects of winter crops good. Common rice selling at 7 seers 14 chittaks to 12 seers per rupee. Fodder and water sufficient, except at Kurigram, where they are reported as getting scarce.

Bogra.—Rainfall at Bogra .02 and Panchbibi .10; elsewhere nil. Prospects of winter rice continue good. Fodder and water ample. Price of common rice—*aman* 8½ seers, *aus* 9½ seers, Burma rice 9½ seers per rupee.

Pabna.—No rain. Weather seasonable. Standing crops continue to be good. Price of common rice 9 to 10 seers per rupee. Fodder scarce in Serajgauj subdivision. No cattle-disease.

Dacca.—Rainfall at Sadar .78. Weather seasonable. Prospects of standing crops excellent. Recent rain has done much good to them. Fodder available. Some cases of small-pox among cattle reported from Sadar. Common rice 9 to 13 seers per rupee.

Mymensingh.—Rainfall at Sadar .02. Weather seasonable. Prospects of standing crops good. Common rice 7 to 12 seers per rupee.

Faridpur.—Rainfall at Sadar .50. Weather seasonable. Harvesting of *aman* paddy in progress. Prospects good.

Backergunge.—Rainfall at Sadar nil. Weather seasonable. Prospects of crops good. Common rice sells from 7½ to 14 seers per rupee.

Tippera.—No rain. Weather seasonable. Harvesting of winter rice commenced in places. Prospects good. Fodder sufficient. Common rice 10 to 13 seers per rupee.

Noakhali.—Rainfall nil. Prospects of standing crops good. No cattle-disease. Fodder and water sufficient. Price of common rice (*aus*) 12 to 16 seers per rupee.

Chittagong.—No rain. Weather seasonable. Prospects of crops fair except in storm-swept tracts. Drinking-water scarce on seashore. Fodder sufficient. Rice sells at 11 seers per rupee at head-quarters.

Patna.—Rainfall at Bihar .04, other stations nil. Paddy being reaped; prospects excellent. *Rabi* and poppy still being sown in places. Prices improving. Common rice selling in Patna at 12 seers per rupee. Fodder and water for cattle sufficient.

Gaya.—No rain. Prospects both of winter rice and *rabi* crops excellent. Price of Burma rice 10½ seers and of country rice 11 seers per rupee.

Shahabad.—No rain. Weather cold. Standing crops excellent. Sowing of *rabi* crops continues; germination well. Paddy is being reaped in places. Cattle-disease reported from one village in Buxar. Fodder sufficient. Common rice selling from 10 to 11½ seers per rupee.

Saran.—Weather seasonable. Cutting of paddy going on. *Rabi* sowings almost finished. Poppy prospects generally good; weather not altogether favourable on account of east wind. Fodder and water sufficient. Average prices are—common rice 13 seers 9 chittaks, wheat 9 seers 14 chittaks, barley 13 seers 9 chittaks, *makai* 17 seers 8 chittaks, gram 9 seers 9 chittaks, *arhar* 10 seers 10 chittaks, and *marua* 17 seers per rupee.

Champaran.—No rain. *Rabi* sowings still continue. Poppy germinating well. Prices mostly fallen, but those of rice and wheat risen, rice 13½ seers, maize 20 seers.

Muzaffarpur.—No rain. Prospects of rice crop good. *Rabi* sowings still in progress. Prices are—common rice 8 to 14 seers, Burma rice 10½ to 11 seers, wheat 9½ seers, barley 12½ seers, *makai* 19 to 19½ seers, gram 10½ to 11 seers, *arhar* 11 seers, and *marua* 20 seers per rupee.

Darbhanga.—No rain. Prospects of standing crops good. Paddy ripening. Harvesting of *aghani* has commenced at Madhubani. Sowing of *rabi* is over. Fodder and water available. Common rice sells at 12 seers per rupee at Sadar.

Monghyr.—Rainfall at Jamui 1·11. Elsewhere nil. Weather reasonable. Heavy shower and hailstorm on 13th instant at Jamui. Harvesting of winter rice going on. Sugarcane doing well. Sowing of *rabi* still continues. No cattle-disease. Common rice sells as follows:—

			Srs.	
Monghyr	...	...	7½ to 9	} per rupee.
Begusarai	...	...	7 to 10	
Jamui	...	...	15 (new <i>aghani</i>)	

Bhagalpur.—Mornings and evenings cool. Harvesting of winter paddy in progress. *Rabi* sowings continue. Agricultural outlook excellent. Common rice selling at 12 seers per rupee. Fodder and water sufficient. Cattle-disease continues throughout the district.

Purnea.—Rainfall at Sadar nil, Kishanganj ·31, Araria ·05. Harvesting of *aghani* paddy commenced in places. Sowing of *rabi* crops going on. No cattle-disease. Fodder and water sufficient. Common rice (*bhadoi*) selling at Sadar 14 seers and at Kishanganj and Araria 13 seers per rupee.

Malda.—Rainfall at Sadar ·87, Chanchal ·03, Gajole ·05. Weather cool. The harvesting of early winter rice has begun in some places. *Kalai* pulse approaching maturity. Coarse rice (old) selling at 12 seers per rupee. New rice coming into the market.

Sonthal Parganas.—Average rainfall ·29. Weather cool and clear. Harvesting of winter rice going on. Prospects of *rabi* crops continue good. Price of rice 9½ to 16 seers, and of maize 10 to 2½ seers per rupee.

Cuttack.—Rainfall at Banki ·01. Weather reasonable. Reaping of *laghu sarad* in progress. *Guru sarad* in ear and ripening in places. *Rabi* growing. Condition of cattle generally good. Common rice sells as follows:—

				Srs. c.	
Cuttack	13 2	} per rupee.
Jajpur	...	...	...	17 1
Kendrapara	...	...	...	17 1
Banki	...	...	...	17 0

Balasore.—No rain. Harvesting of *beali* continues and that of *sarad* has commenced. *Rabi* seedlings growing well. Sugarcane thriving. Price of rice varies from 14½ to 18 seers per rupee in the interior. Rice sells at 13½ and 18 seers per rupee at Balasore and Bhadrak respectively. Fodder and water sufficient.

Angul.—Rainfall 1·69 in Khondmals. Harvesting of paddy in progress. Rice sells at 24 seers per rupee in Angul and 18 seers in Khondmals.

Puri.—No rain. *Laghu* being harvested. *Sarad* in ear and thriving well. Common rice sells as follows:—

				Srs. c.	
Puri	14 7	} per rupee.
Khurda	...	...	...	14 12
				11 13	
Interior	...	...	...	17 0

Hazaribagh.—No rain. Weather reasonable. Prospect of standing crops 16 annas. Paddy being harvested. Coarse rice selling at 12 to 14 seers per rupee.

Lohardaga.—No rain. *Rabi* sowings finished. Harvesting of *dona dhan* continues. State of standing crops good. Rice sells at Ranchi 14 seers per rupee. Health of cattle good. Fodder and water sufficient. Grain in stock sufficient.

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Palamau.—Rainfall nil. Weather seasonable. Standing crops doing well. No cattle-disease. Price of coarse rice from 8 to 16 seers per rupee.

Manbhum.—Rainfall at Sadar 3·94, Gobindpur ·8. Weather seasonable. Prospects of crops excellent. Paddy being out. No cattle-disease reported. Fodder and water sufficient. Average prices of common rice:—

Sadar	...	{	New rice 16 seers	}	
		{	Old " 10 "	}	
Gobindpur	..	{	New " 16 "	}	per rupee.
		{	Old " 10 "	}	

Supply sufficient.

General Summary.—There was rain in parts of the Burdwan, Presidency, Dacca, and Bhagalpur Divisions and also in Manbhum. The general agricultural prospects continue favourable except in the parts of Chittagong which were swept by the late cyclone and tidal-wave. The earlier kinds of winter rice are being harvested, and the later kinds are ripening. The *rabi* and poppy crops are still being sown, and those already sown are coming up well. The price of rice continues to fall. There is plenty of fodder in all districts, and the condition of cattle is reported to be good. Scarcity of drinking-water is reported from the sea-coast tracts of Chittagong.

By order of the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal,

REVENUE DEPARTMENT,

The 23rd November 1897.

M. FINUCANE,

Secretary to the Govt. of Bengal.

PRICES-CURRENT (retail) of Food-grains and Salt in the Head

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- A. In the subdivisions the retail prices of salt per rupee are:—Kalna 10 seers (panga) and 11 seers (karkatch), Katwa 10 seers 5 chitaks (karkatch) and Raniganj 10½ seers.
- B. At Rampur Hat the retail price of salt is 11 seers per rupee.
- C. At Vishnupur the retail price of salt is 9½ seers per rupee.
- D. In the subdivisions the retail prices of salt per rupee are:—Contai 9 seers, Tamluk 10 seers, and Ghatal 10½ seers.
- E. In the subdivisions the retail prices of salt per rupee are:—Serampore 10 seers and Jahannabad 9 seers 14 chitaks (panga).
- F. At Ulubaria the retail price of salt is 10 seers 10½ chitaks per rupee.
- G. At Chetla, Barasat and Baduria the retail price of salt is 10 seers per rupee.
- H. In the subdivisions the retail prices of salt per rupee are:—Kushtia (Bahadurkhal) 10½ seers, Chuadanga 10 seers, Meherpur 9½ seers and Ranaghat 11 seers.
- I. In the subdivisions the retail prices of salt (karkatch) per rupee are:—Lalbagh 10 seers, Kandi 11 seers, Jangipur return not received.
- J. In the subdivisions the retail prices of salt per rupee are:—Jhonida 9 seers 1 chitak, Magura 8 seers 11 chitaks, Narad 8 seers 11 chitaks and Bangaon 9 seers 2 chitaks.

BAJRA OR CUMBU. (<i>Pennisetum typhoid- cum.</i>)	MARUA OR RAOL. (<i>Eleusine Corocana.</i>)
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KAKONI OR KAKUN, ITALIAN MILLET. (<i>Setaria Italica</i> .)			GRAM, GRANA, CHHOLA, KADALAY, OR SHAGGA. (<i>Cicer aridiflorum</i> .)		
Present returns	Next preceding turn.	Corresponding turn of last year.	Present returns	Next preceding turn.	Corresponding turn of last year.

S.	Ch.	S.	Ch.	S.	Ch.	S.	Ch.	S.	Ch.
...	8 0	8 0	10 0	...	...	...
...	8 0	8 4	9 6	...	...	...
...	8 0	9 0	10 0	...	...	...
...	7 8	7 0	9 0 10 0	...	...	...
...	8 0	8 0	10 0	...	...	...
...	8 0	8 0	...	...	...	...

...	...	...	...	7 14	7 12	9 8	...	...	...
8	7 4	10 11	...	8 0	8 0	10 0	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	8 3	8 0	10 10	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	9 4	9 0	11 0	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	7 0	8 0	9 6	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	6 8	6 8	9 0	...	...	...

...	...	...	...	8 4	8 4	10 8	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	7 11	7 11	7 11	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	7 8	7 8	8 8	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	7 0	7 0	8 0	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	6 12	7 8	7 8	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	7 8	7 8	7 15	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	8 4	8 4	10 8	...	...	...

...	...	...	...	8 0	7 4	9 2	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	8 0	8 0	12 8	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	6 8	6 8	14 0	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	7 0	7 0	10 0	...	...	...

quarters Station Bazars of the Districts of Bengal on the 15th November 1897.

INDIAN-CORN OR MAIZE. (Zea mays.)												ARHAR OR THUR, CADJAN PEA. (Cajanus Indicus.)						SALT.			WHOLESALE PRICES PER MAUND OF 40 SEERS.			DISTRICTS.	Number.
Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.	Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.	Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.	Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.	Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.											
BENGAL.																									
S.	Ch.	S.	Ch.	S.	Ch.	S.	Ch.	S.	Ch.	S.	Ch.	S.	Ch.	S.	Ch.	S.	Ch.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.		
...	9 0	9 0	...	...	11 0	11 0	11 4	13 8	9 3	8 0	8 5	0	Burdwan.	1						
...	6 0	6 0	10 0	...	10 8	10 8	10 8	3 10	6 3	10 6	3 10	6	Birbhum.	2								
...	9 0	9 0	10 0	...	10 7	10 8	9 0	3 13	0 4	2 0	4 4	0	Bankura.	3								
...	No import.	{ 12 0 to 13 0 }	{ 10 8 to 11 0 }	Crushed.	10 0	{ 3 11 0 to 3 7 0 }	{ 3 11 0 to 3 7 0 }	Crushed.	4 0	0	0	Midnapore.	4									
...	6 0	6 0	10 0	...	10 0	10 0	9 8	3 12	0 3	12 0	4 0	0	Hooghly.	5								
...	7 0	7 0	8 0	...	10 0	10 0	9 11	3 12	0 3	12 0	4 0	0	Howrah.	6								
...	6 0	6 0	7 8	...	10 0	10 0	9 10	3 12	0 3	12 0	3 12	0	24-Parganas.	7								
10 4	10 0	10 11	...	8 0	8 0	9 6	...	9 0	9 0	8 0	3 9	0 3	10 0	4 0	0	Calcutta.	8								
...	10 0	10 0	...	...	11 7	11 0	9 6	3 8	0 3	10 0	4 4	0	Nadia.	9						
...	11 0	14 0	...	10 8	10 0	11 0	3 12	0 4	0 0	3 8	0	Murshidabad.	10								
...	9 0	8 0	...	...	8 8	8 8	8 0	4 0	0 4	0 0	4 8	0	Jessore.	11						
...	7 0	7 0	9 0	...	8 0	8 0	8 0	4 8	0 4	8 0	4 8	0	Khulna.	12								
...	9 12	9 12	...	...	10 2	10 2	9 0	3 12	0 3	12 0	4 2	8	Rajahm.	13						
...	10 0	10 0	8 14	1 4	0 0	4 0	0 4	8	Dinajpur.	14								
...	7 8	7 8	7 8	...	9 8	9 8	8 0	3 15	0 3	16 0	4 5	0	Jalpaiguri.	15								
20 0	18 0	12 8	...	5 0	5 0	7 0	...	8 0	8 0	7 0	...	...	...	...	...	Darjeeling.	16			
12 0	12 0	12 0	...	4 12	5 0	7 0	...	9 0	9 0	8 0	4 0	0 4	0 0	4 8	0	Rangpur.	17								
...	9 9 2	9 0	7 15 3	14 8	3 14	8 4	8 0	...	Bogra.	18								
...	{ 10 8 to 6 0 }	{ 10 8 to 6 0 }	{ 15 0 to 10 0 }	...	{ 9 13 to 9 13 }	{ 9 13 to 9 2 }	{ 3 14 to 3 14 }	{ 6 3 to 6 3 }	{ 14 6 to 14 6 }	{ 4 5 to 4 5 }	0	...	Pabna.	19								
...	6 10	5 14	8 8	...	10 8	10 8	8 8	3 12	0 3	12 0	4 7	0	Dacca.	20								
...	5 8	5 8	13 0	...	8 0	8 0	8 0	4 0	0 4	0 0	4 0	0	Mymensingh.	21								
...	8 0	4 8	0 4	8 0	5 0	0	Faridpur.	22								
...	10 0	10 0	9 12	3 12	0 3	12 0	4 0	0	Backorgunge.	23								
																		Dacca Division.							

- K. In the subdivisions the retail prices of salt per rupee are :—Bagerhat 9 seers and Satkhira 9½ seers.
 L. In the subdivisions the retail prices of salt (punga) per rupee are :—Nator 8½ seers and Nagaon 8 seers 11 chitaks.
 M. In Alipur Duars the retail price of salt is 8 seers per rupee.
 N. At Kurseong and Siliguri the retail price of salt is 8 seers per rupee.
 O. In the subdivisions the retail prices of salt per rupee are :—Kurigram 8 seers, Gaibanda 8½ seers, and Nilphamari 9 seers.
 P. At Sirajganj the retail price of salt is 10 seers per rupee.
 Q. In the marts in the interior of the district the retail prices of salt per rupee are :—Madanganj 10 seers 10 chitaks, Manikganj 9 seers, Munshirhat 10 seers 10 chitaks, Mirkadim 10 seers 10 chitaks.
 R. In the subdivisions the retail prices of salt per rupee are :—Kishorganj 9 seers 6 chitaks, Jamalpur 9 seers 7 chitaks, Kugamari 8 seers, and Natrokon 9½ seers.
 S. In the subdivisions the wholesale prices of salt per maund are :—Madaripur Rs. 3-13 (crushed salt) and Goalundo Rs. 4-7 (punga salt).
 T. In the subdivisions the retail prices of salt per rupee are :—Pirojpur 8 seers, Patuakhali 9 seers, and Bhola 8 seers.

PRICES-CURRENT (retail) of Food-grains and Salt in the Head-quarters

Number.		DISTRICTS.	QUANTITIES PER RUPEE IN														
			WHEAT.			BARLEY.			RICE, BEST SORT.			RICE, COMMON.			JOWAR OR CHOLU. (Sorghum Vulgare.)		
			Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.	Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.	Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.	Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.	Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.
BENGAL—concluded.																	
CHITTAGONG DIVISION.	24	Tippura	...	...	...	...	...	...	7 8	5 11	6 11	10 8	7 4	7 0	...	...	...
	25	Noakhali	...	...	...	...	...	...	8 0	6 0	8 0	12 0	11 8	9 8	...	...	...
	26	Chittagong	...	...	...	...	...	...	6 8	6 0	7 8	10 8	9 4	9 0	...	...	...
BIHAR.																	
PATNA DIVISION.	27	Patna	10 0	10 0	9 0	13 0	12 8	12 0	10 0	9 0	9 0	11 8	11 0	10 0	22 0	19 0	...
	28	Gaya	8 12	8 8	8 4	11 4	11 0	10 8	7 0	6 8	7 4	9 8	8 0	8 0	...	...	...
	29	Shahabad	{ 9 8 9 12 }	{ 9 0 9 8 }	{ 8 8 9 0 }	11 0	10 0	11 8	{ 8 0 9 8 }	8 0	{ 7 0 7 8 }	{ 10 0 10 8 }	{ 9 0 9 8 }	{ 8 8 9 8 }	...	...	...
	30	Saran	10 0	9 8	8 8	12 0	10 0	11 0	6 8	6 0	6 12	12 12	11 4	9 0	...	...	...
	31	Champanau	8 8	8 0	9 0	10 8	10 0	10 0	6 4	6 4	6 8	13 8	12 8	9 0	...	...	...
	32	Muzaffarpur	9 0	8 8	8 0	13 0	10 0	11 8	6 4	6 8	6 8	10 0	9 8	7 8	10 0	10 0	...
33	Darbhanga	8 0	8 0	8 0	11 0	9 8	11 0	7 8	6 8	7 8	12 0	12 0	10 0	...	...	...
BHAGALPUR DIVISION.	4	Monghyr	9 15	8 14	8 12	9 15	8 6	13 8	6 4	5 4	7 4	9 7	8 10	8 8	...	...	...
	35	Bhagalpur	10 2	9 8	9 0	10 2	11 6	11 6	8 8	7 9	8 4	10 8	8 14	10 2	...	...	...
	36	Purnea (Kasba)	9 9	9 9	1 0	...	...	...	5 15	5 2	8 0	...	11 11	10 0	...	...	...
	37	Maldia (English Bazar).	9 0	...	9 0	...	...	...	6 8	...	8 0	11 8	10 9	11 0	...	...	...
	38	Sonthal Parganas.	8 0	8 0	7 4	9 0	9 8	...	9 0	7 12	7 8	12 4	9 0	10 8	...	...	...
ORISSA.																	
ORISSA DIVISION.	39	Cuttack	7 8	7 8	6 9	...	...	...	8 9	8 9	9 8	12 8	12 8	11 13	...	...	...
	40	Balasore	10 6	10 6	10 0	8 0	8 0	7 0	11 8	11 0	8 0	14 8	14 8	11 0	...	...	...
	41	Puri	6 13	7 2	6 0	...	...	...	{ Old 9 8 Now 13 2 }	6 14	7 11	{ Old 10 8 Now 14 7 }	11 13	13 2	...	...	...
CHOTA NAGPUR.																	
CHOTA NAGPUR DIVISION.	42	Hazaribagh	7 4	8 0	7 8	8 0	9 0	10 0	6 12	6 0	6 0	12 4	10 0	9 0	...	...	...
	43	Lohardaga	{ 5 8 to 7 8 }	{ 6 8 to 7 8 }	{ 5 8 to 7 8 }	...	...	...	{ 6 0 to 7 0 Now 16 0 }	6 8	to 7 0	{ 6 0 Now 15 0 }	10 0	{ 9 0 to 10 0 }	...	...	...
	44	Palamau	8 7	7 14	9 0	10 2	10 2	10 2	9 0	9 0	6 8	12 13	12 6	8 11	...	...	...
	45	Manbhum	9 0	8 0	7 0	12 0	9 0	...	9 8	10 4	{ Old 9 0 Now 11 8 }	15 8	11 8	{ Old 10 8 Now 12 0 }	...	...	...
	46	Singhbhum	8 0	8 0	...	...	...	...	12 0	12 0	9 0	14 0	14 0	12 0	...	...	...

- U. In the subdivisions the retail prices of salt per rupee are:—Chandpur 9 seers and Brahmanbaria 9 seers 11 chitaks.
V. At Feni Hat the retail price of salt is 8 seers per rupee.
W. At Cox's Bazar the retail price of salt is 8½ seers per rupee.
X. At Bihar the retail price of salt is 9½ seers per rupee.
Y. In the subdivisions the retail prices of salt per rupee are:—Aurangabad 9½ seers, Nawada 9 seers, and Jahanabad 10 seers.
Z. In the subdivisions the retail prices of salt per rupee are:—Bhabun 9½ seers, Basaram 10½ seers, and Buxar return not received.
a. In Siwan and Gopalganj subdivisions the retail price of salt is 12 seers per rupee.
b. At Bettiah the retail price of salt is 10 seers per rupee.
c. In the subdivisions the retail prices of salt per rupee are:—Sitamarhi 10 seers and Hajipur 9½ seers.
d. In the subdivisions the retail prices of salt per rupee are:—Samastipur 10 seers and Madhubani 10½ seers.
e. In the subdivisions the retail prices of salt per rupee are:—Bogusrai 10½ seers and Jamui 10 seers.

CALCUTTA,

The 23rd November 1897.

BEERS OF 80 TOLARS.

BAJRA OR COMBU.
(*Pennisetum typhoid.*
sum.)

MARUA OR RAGI.
(*Eleusine Coracana.*)

Present return.	Next preceding re- turn.	re- turn of last year.	Present return.	Next preceding re- turn.	re- turn of last year.
S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.
...
...
...
...	22 0	19 8	15 0
...	17 4	...	12 19
...	16 0	16 0	...
...	18 0	18 8	13 8
...	20 0	20 0	...
...	20 0	18 0	14 0
...	20 0	19 0	15 0
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...
...	18 0	20 0	15 8
...	22 0	22 0	17 0
...	18 0	18 0	13 8
0
...

KANGNI OR KAMUN, ITALIAN MILLET. (<i>Setaria italica</i> .)			GRAM, CHANA, CHHOLA, KADALAY OR SUNAGA. (<i>Cicer arietinum</i> .)		
Present return.	Next preceding re- turn.	re- turn of last year.	Present return.	Next preceding re- turn.	re- turn of last year.

S.	Ch.	S.	Ch.	S.	Ch.	S.	Ch.	S.	Ch.
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...	8	0		
...	7	8	7	8	13	0	
...	8	0	8	0	10	0	

12	0	14	0	16	0	11	0	9	8	11	8
8	4	10	4	13	8	9	8	9	0	10	4
...	{ 9 8 & 10 0 }			9	0	11	0		
10	0	10	0	13	0	10	0	9	0	11	0
...	...	...	10	0	10	8	11	4			
...	...	...	10	0	9	8	10	0			
...	...	...	9	0	8	8	10	4			

...	8	6	...	9	15	9	15	11	8
...	...	...	10	0	8	14	11	8	
...	...	...	10	10	9	9	8	0	
...	...	...	8	0	...	11	8		
...	...	...	7	8	7	8	9	8	

...	...	...	Biri or kalai. 10 8 10 8 14 7			
...	...	...	Chhola. { 8 0 8 0 8 0 }			
...	...	...	{ 10 8 10 8 14 0 }			
...	11	13	11	4	13	2

...	...	...	8	0	7	8	9	8
...	...	...	{ 7 0 to 7 8 }		{ 6 12 to 7 8 }		9	0
...	...	...	8	7	8	7	10	1
...	...	...	9	0	8	0	9	4
...	...	...	8	0	8	0	12	0

Station Hazars of the Districts of Bengal on the 15th November 1897—(concluded).

												WHOLESALE PRICES PER MAUND OF 40 SEERS.				DISTRICTS.	Number.
INDIAN-CORN OR MAIZE (Zea mays.)			ARHAR OR THUR, CADJAN PEA. (Cajanus indicus.)			SALT.			SALT.								
Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.	Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.	Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.	Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.						
BENGAL—concluded.																	
...	...	...	...	...	...	U	8 0	8 0	8 0	4 7	1 1	4 7	1 1	4 7	0	Tippera.	24
...	...	...	...	...	...	V	10 0	10 0	8 0	4 0	0 4	0 0	0 4	0 0	5 0	Noakhali.	25
...	...	...	...	...	...	W	10 0	10 0	9 8	12 0	13 12	9 4	0 0	0	0	Chittagong.	26
BIHAR.																	
19 8	15 8	13 0	11 0	10 0	12 8	X	10 0	10 0	10 0	13 10	0 3	10 0	13 12	0	0	Patna.	27
17 12	13 8	11 2	10 4	8 4	10 2	Y	10 0	10 0	10 0	4 0	0 0	3 13	0 4	0 0	0	Gay.	28
16 0	13 8	12 0	9 0	9 0	12 0	Z	10 4	10 4	9 8	13 14	6 3	12 0	4 3	3	0	Shahabad.	29
16 4	15 0	12 8	10 0	10 0	11 8	a	10 4	10 4	10 0	3 14	0 5	14 0	4 0	0	0	Saran.	30
18 8	17 0	14 0	10 0	10 8	11 0	b	10 8	10 8	10 0	3 13	0 3	12 0	1 0	0	0	Champaran.	31
16 0	15 8	12 0	10 0	10 0	12 0	c	11 0	11 0	11 4	3 10	0 3	10 0	3 8	3	0	Muzaffarpur.	32
18 0	15 0	12 0	8 12	9 0	11 0	d	10 0	10 0	10 0	4 0	0 4	0 0	4 0	0 1	0	Darbhanga.	33
16 12	14 11	13 4	9 7	9 7	11 8	e	9 15	8 15	3 10	0 3	11 9	4 2	5	0	0	Monghyr.	34
20 0	15 2	13 0	...	...	11 8	f	10 0	10 0	10 0	4 0	0 3	13 0	3 13	0	0	Bhagalpur.	35
21 4	...	13 0	8 8	6 6	11 0	g	10 0	10 10	9 8	1 0	0 3	12 0	4 0	0	0	Purnea (Kasba).	36
20 0	20 0	...	...	...	...	h	10 0	10 0	9 0	4 0	0 4	0 1	4 0	0	0	Maldia (English Bazar).	37
19 0	18 0	14 0	8 0	9 0	9 8	i	10 0	10 0	10 0	3 12	0 3	12 0	3 14	0	0	Sonthead Parganas.	38
ORISSA.																	
...	...	...	10 8	10 8	14 7	j	10 12	10 12	10 12	3 3	0 3	4 0	3 2	0	0	Cuttack.	39
...	...	...	5 14	6 0	7 0	k	11 8	11 8	8 0	13 9	0 3	9 0	5 0	0	0	Balasore.	40
...	...	...	9 3	9 3	13 2	l	13 0	13 0	11 13	3 1	0 3	1 0	3 2	0	0	Puri.	41
CHOTA NAGPUR.																	
0 13	12 11	0 8	0 10	0 12	0 8	m	8 0	8 0	13 0	1 7	0 14	7 0	4 7	0	0	Hazaribagh.	42
14 0	12 0	10 0	6 0	6 0	8 0	n	9 0	9 0	8 0	4 4	0 4	4 0	4 12	0	0	Lohardaga.	43
16 14	16 14	11 13	11 4	11 4	11 13	o	0 0	0 0	8 2	1 1	...	...	...	...	...	Palamau.	44
17 0	16 0	...	...	10 0	...	p	10 0	9 2	9 0	3 13	0 3	14 0	4 5	0	0	Manbhum.	45
...	...	...	10 0	10 0	10 0	q	7 0	7 0	7 0	4 4	0 4	4 0	4 4	0	0	Singbhum.	46

- f. In the subdivisions the retail prices of salt per rupee are:—Banka 9 seers 11 chitaks, Madhipura 9½ seers, and Supaul 10 seers.
- g. In the Araria and Kishanganj subdivisions the retail price of salt is 9 seers per rupee.
- h. At Balia Nawabganj the retail price of salt is 9½ seers per rupee.
- i. In the subdivisions the retail prices of salt per rupee are:—Deoghur 10 seers (panga), Godda 9 seers (mixed), Jamtara 9 seers (panga), Pakaur 11 seers (karkatch), and Rajmahal 10 seers (karkatch).
- j. In the Jajpur and Kondrapara subdivisions the retail price of salt (panga) is 9 seers per rupee.
- k. At Bhadrak the retail price of salt is 10 seers per rupee.
- l. At Khurda the retail price of salt is 11½ seers per rupee.
- m. At Giridih the retail price of salt is 10 seers per rupee.
- n. At Gobindpur the retail price of salt is 10 seers per rupee.

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M. FINUCANE,
Secretary to the Govt. of Bengal.

PRICES-CURRENT (wholesale) of Food-grains, Firewood, &c.,

Number.	MARKS.	RICE (BEST SORT).			COMMON RICE (<i>meta chaul</i>).			WHEAT (<i>Triticum sativum</i>).			BARLEY (<i>Hordeum vulgare</i>).		
		Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.	Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.	Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.	Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.
		Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
1	Calcutta ...	6 4 0	6 8 0	5 12 0	5 0 0	5 0 0	4 8 0	4 8 0	4 8 0	4 8 0	3 8 0	4 0 0	3 8 0
2	Burdwan ...	4 15 0	5 4 0	5 4 0	3 15 0	4 0 0	4 0 0	...	...	...	...	...	...
3	Midnapore ...	4 12 0	5 0 0	5 0 0	4 0 0	4 4 0	3 14 0	...	...	...	...	...	...
4	Patna ...	6 10 0	6 10 0	6 0 0	3 4 0	3 9 0	4 1 0	4 13 0	5 0 0	3 8 0	...	...	...
5	Rangpur ...	6 8 0	6 12 0	5 12 9	5 0 0	5 8 0	4 1 9	5 10 0	5 10 0	...	...	...	...
6	Dacca ...	4 12 0	5 10 0	5 7 0	3 6 0	3 8 0	4 4 0	4 9 0	4 11 0	5 8 0	3 4 0	3 8 0	...
7	Chittagong ...	6 0 0	6 8 0	5 0 0	3 8 0	4 8 0	4 4 0	...	...	...	...	...	...
8	Patna ...	3 14 0	4 1 0	4 6 0	3 5 0	3 9 0	3 14 0	3 14 0	3 14 0	4 6 0	3 0 0	3 1 3	3 3 0
9	Muzaffarpur ...	6 2 6	6 2 5	6 2 6	4 0 0	4 3 4	5 5 3	4 3 6	4 11 3	5 0 0	3 1 3	4 0 0	3 7 3
10	Bhagalpur ...	4 10 9	5 4 0	4 12 6	3 18 0	4 8 0	4 0 0	3 15 0	4 3 6	4 5 6	4 0 0	3 8 0	3 8 0
11	Cuttack ...	4 5 6	4 5 6	4 0 9	2 14 6	2 14 6	3 3 3	5 0 0	5 0 0	5 3 0	...	...	...
12	Ranchi ...	...	5 0 0 to 6 2 0	5 11 0	...	4 0 0	4 0 0 to 4 7 0	...	5 11 0 to 7 5 0	5 5 0 to 7 4 3	...	...	...

CALCUTTA,
The 23rd November 1897.

JUAR OR CHOLEM (<i>Sorghum vulgare</i>).			BAJBA OR CUMBU (<i>Penisetum typhoides</i>).			MARUA OR RAGI (<i>Eleusine coracana</i>).			GRAM, CHANA, CHOLA, KADALAY, OR SUNAGA (<i>Cicer arietinum</i>).		
Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.	Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.	Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.	Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
3 8 0	3 8 0	3 4 0	3 12 0	3 12 0	4 0 0	...	...	...	4 12 0	4 12 0	3 12 0
...	4 15 0	5 0 0	4 0 0
...
...	4 10 0	4 10 0	3 12 0
...	5 4 0	5 0 0	4 8 0
...	5 0 0	5 8 0	4 3 0
...	5 0 0	5 0 0	3 10 0
1 12 0	2 0 0	...	...	...	...	1 12 0	1 15 0	2 10 0	3 8 0	4 1 0	3 7 0
...	2 0 0	2 3 6	2 13 9	4 0 0	4 3 4	4 0 0
...	4 0 0	4 8 0	3 7 0
...	Biri or kalai.		...
...	8 9 3	3 9 3	2 10 6
...	5 5 6 to 5 14 6	4 7 0

PRICES PER MAUND

INDIAN-CORN OR MAIZE (Zea mays).			ARHAR DAL OR THUR - CADJAN PEA (Cajanus indicus).			LINSSEED.			MUSTARD AND RAPESEED.		
Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.	Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.	Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.	Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.
27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38
Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
3 0 0	3 10 0	3 8 0	4 4 0	4 8 0	3 12 0	4 8 0	4 8 0	5 8 0	5 0 0	5 0 0	5 0 0
...	...	...	6 4 0	6 8 0	5 5 0	...	...	...	4 12 0	4 12 0	5 10 0
...	...	...	...	...	...	3 10 0	4 0 0	4 12 0	4 14 0	4 19 0	5 8 0
...	...	...	5 12 0	5 12 0	4 0 0	3 8 0	3 8 0	4 6 0	5 10 0	5 10 0	5 12 0
3 0 0	3 0 0	3 0 0	7 4 0	7 4 0	4 12 0	10 0 0	10 0 0	15 0 0	5 4 0	5 0 0	5 1 0
...	...	...	6 0 0	6 12 0	4 6 0	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5 0 0	4 12 0	4 0 0
1 14 6	2 8 0	3 0 0	3 10 0	3 14 0	3 14 0	3 4 0	3 4 0	4 0 0	4 2 0	4 1 0	5 0 0
2 5 6	2 9 3	3 5 3	5 11 6	5 11 0	5 0 0	...	...	...	...	...	...
2 0 0	2 10 0	3 0 0	4 3 4	4 3 6	3 8 0	3 11 0	3 11 0	4 1 0	4 6 0	4 8 0	4 14 0
...	...	...	3 9 3	3 9 3	2 10 3	...	...	...	4 5 6	4 5 6	3 15 6
...	...	...	...	8 14 0	7 6 0	...	4 7 0	5 0 0	...	4 0 0	5 0 0
										5 0 0	5 0 0

40 STANDARD SEERS.

TIL OR JINJILI SEED.			SUGAR (RAW).			COTTON, CLEANED.			JUPE.		
Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.	Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.	Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.	Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.
39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50
Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
4 10 0	4 10 0	5 8 0	5 0 0	5 0 0	5 0 0	17 8 0	17 8 0	17 8 0	4 12 0	5 0 0	5 6 0
...	...	...	5 4 0	5 4 0	4 5 0	21 0 0	18 0 0	20 0 0	...	...	...
...	...	...	5 4 0	5 4 0	$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 3 \ 4 \ 0 \\ \text{to} \\ 4 \ 0 \ 0 \end{array} \right\}$	20 0 0	20 0 0	20 0 0	...	...	...
...	...	...	4 0 0	4 0 0	4 0 0	24 0 0	24 0 0	23 0 0	2 6 0	2 12 0	5 2 0
...	...	...	5 8 0	5 8 0	5 5 8	...	...	...	2 0 0	2 0 0	4 8 0
...	...	...	5 0 0	5 0 0	5 0 0	...	...	...	2 12 0	2 8 0	3 12 0
...	...	...	10 0 0	10 0 0	5 8 0	15 0 0	15 0 0	14 8 0	...	...	...
3 10 0	3 14 0	4 10 0	4 2 0	4 8 0	3 4 0	15 0 0	15 0 0	16 0 0	2 12 0	2 12 0	3 0 0
...
...	...	...	4 0 0	5 0 0	3 4 0	17 0 0	17 0 0	18 0 0	...	...	...
4 0 0	4 0 0	3 4 6	6 7 0	6 7 0	5 10 0	20 8 0	20 8 0	22 0 0	...	...	...
...	...	...	..	8 0 0	5 0 0	...	20 0 0	23 0 0	...	...	...

the undermentioned Mats of Bengal on the 15th November 1897.

STRAW.			JUAR STALKS.			PRICES PER MAUND OF 40 STANDARD SEERS.									MATS.
						IRON.			FIREWOOD.			SALT.			
Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.	Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.	Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.	Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.	Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.	
63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78
Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	
6 0 0	5 4 0	6 0 0	...	...	...	6 0 0	5 8 0	4 10 0	0 7 0	0 7 0	0 7 0	3 9 0	3 10 0	4 0 0	1. Calcutta.
per kahan.															
4 0 0	5 0 0	6 0 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	0 8 0	0 8 0	0 8 0	3 8 0	3 8 0	3 5 0	2. Burdwan.
per kahan.															
1 12 0	1 10 0	2 0 0	...	...	...	4 0 0	4 0 0	3 4 0 to 4 8 0	0 4 0	0 4 0	0 2 6	3 11 0	3 11 0	4 0 0	3. Midnapore.
per kahan.												Panga.			
0 12 0	0 12 0	0 10 0	...	...	...	8 0 0	8 0 0	8 0 0	0 4 0	0 4 0	0 4 3	3 14 0	3 14 0	4 5 0	4. Patna.
per maund.												Panga.			
6	6	6	...	...	...	6 8 0	6 8 0	5 8 0	0 10 0	0 10 0	0 5 4	4 0 0	4 0 0	4 8 0	5. Rangpur.
bundles per rupee.															
...	...	...	...	...	...	5 0 0	5 0 0	5 8 0	0 4 0	0 4 0	0 5 0	3 12 0	3 12 0	4 7 0	6. Dacca.
...	...	...	...	...	...	5 0 0	5 0 0	5 4 0	...	...	...	3 12 0	3 12 0	4 0 0	7. Chittagong.
...	...	...	...	...	...	3 0 0	3 0 0	3 0 0	0 5 0	0 5 0	0 5 0	3 10 0	3 10 0	3 12 0	8. Patna.
...	...	...	...	...	...	8 0 0	8 0 0	8 0 0	0 4 0	0 4 0	0 4 0	3 10 0	3 10 0	3 8 3	9. Muzaffarpur.
...	...	...	...	...	...	5 4 0	5 4 0	5 4 0	0 5 0	0 5 0	0 4 3	4 0 0	3 13 0	3 13 0	10. Bhagalpur.
...	...	...	...	...	...	4 8 0	4 8 0	4 8 0	0 4 0	0 4 0	0 4 0	3 3 0	3 4 0	3 2 0	11. Cuttack.
per kahan.		10 0	...	...	...							Karkatch.			
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5 11 0	5 8 0	...	0 4 0	0 4 0	...	4 4 0	4 12 0	12. Ranchi.
												Panga.			

M. FINUCANE,
Secretary to the Govt. of Bengal.

**Results of the Meteorological Observations taken at the Alipore Observatory from
14th to 20th November 1897.**

Month.	Date.	Maximum in sun.	Number of hours of bright sunshine.	Mean pressure barometer at 32° Fahr.	TEMPERATURE.				HYGROMETRY.				WIND.		Rain.	WEATHER.
					Mean.	Maximum.	Range.	Minimum.	Mean wet bulb.	Vapour tension.	Dew point.	Humidity.	Prevailing direction.	Miles recorded.		
1897.				Inches.	°	°	°	°	°	Inches.	°	%			Inches.	
Nov.	14th	136.3	9.2	29.893	73.6	81.5	14.8	67.2	68.7	0.637	65.8	77	N, N N W, and calm.	51	Nil	Chiefly clear, A.
"	15th	136.9	8.9	.923	72.6	79.6	13.0	66.0	68.4	.640	66.0	80	N, N N W, and calm.	50	"	Chiefly clear, A.
"	16th	133.0	9.3	.929	72.9	81.0	15.5	65.5	67.0	.584	63.4	72	N by W, N by E, and N.	49	"	Clear, A.
"	17th	134.6	9.4	.955	70.8	80.8	18.6	62.2	65.2	.548	61.5	73	N, N N W, and calm.	63	"	Clear, A.
"	18th	131.0	9.3	.954	72.6	81.0	17.0	64.0	66.5	.572	62.8	72	N N W	46	"	Clear, A.
"	19th	129.8	9.4	.949	71.9	81.7	18.9	62.8	65.9	.558	62.0	71	N N W and calm	20	"	Clear, A.
"	20th	132.3	9.4	.969	70.9	80.6	19.2	61.4	65.0	.540	61.1	71	N by W, N by E, and calm.	41	"	Clear, A.

The mean pressure of the seven days	...	...	...	Inches.	29.939
The average pressure of the corresponding period for 24 years, Surveyor-General's Office	...	...	...	...	29.983
The total number of hours of bright sunshine	...	...	...	Hours.	64.9
The maximum possible number of hours of sunshine	...	...	...	...	76.9
The mean temperature of the seven days	...	...	...	...	72.2
The average temperature of the corresponding period for 24 years, Surveyor-General's Office	...	...	...	...	74.7
The extreme variation of temperature	...	...	...	...	20.3
The maximum temperature	...	...	...	...	81.7
The highest velocity of the wind in one hour	...	...	...	Miles.	9
The mean relative humidity	...	...	...	...	74
The average relative humidity of the corresponding period for 24 years, Surveyor-General's Office	...	...	...	...	71
The total fall of rain from 14th to 20th November 1897	...	...	...	Inches.	Nil
The average fall of the corresponding period for 24 years, Surveyor-General's Office	...	...	...	...	0.08
The total fall from 1st January to 20th November 1897	...	...	...	...	58.33
The average fall of the corresponding period for 24 years, Surveyor-General's Office	...	...	...	...	65.14

The mean pressure, temperature, &c., are deduced from the traces of the Barograph and Thermograph, and from observations made at 6h., 10h., 16h., and 22h.

The maximum and minimum temperatures are obtained from self-registering thermometers. All the thermometers are verified and the readings have been corrected to a standard constructed and verified at the Kew Observatory. They are exposed under a thatched shed open at the sides, and are suspended four feet above the ground.

The barometer readings are corrected approximately to those of the standard, Newman's No. 86, formerly at the Surveyor-General's Office.

The hygrometric elements are obtained from Tables III, IV, and V of the official tables computed in the Meteorological Office, and based on Regnault's modifications of August's formula.

The directions and the movement of the wind are taken from the trace of a Beckley's anemograph. The mouth of the rain-gauge is one foot above the ground.

A, dew.

METEOROLOGICAL OFFICE, GOVT. OF INDIA,
Calcutta, the 22nd November 1897.

J. H. GILLILAND,
For Meteorological Reporter to the Govt. of India.

Results of the Barometrical and Thermometrical Observations taken at the Meteorological Office, Chowringhee, from 14th to 20th November 1897.

MONTH.	Date.	Pressure at 10 A.M. corrected and reduced to 32° Fahr.	TEMPERATURE.						HYGROMETRY.			Rainfall, past 24 hours.
			Daily mean.	Maximum.	Range.	Minimum.	Dry bulb at 10 A.M.	Wet bulb at 10 A.M.	Vapour tension at 10 A.M.	Dew point at 10 A.M.	Humidity at 10 A.M.	
1897.		Inches.	°		°	"	°	°	Inches.	°	%	Inches.
November	14th	29.943	76.1	84.8	17.5	67.3	79.1	70.6	.636	65.8	63	Nil.
"	15th	.982	74.1	82.3	16.5	65.8	77.4	70.8	.667	67.2	71	"
"	16th	.981	74.3	83.7	18.8	64.9	78.4	69.9	.619	65.0	63	"
"	17th	30.015	72.7	82.9	20.6	62.4	76.6	67.6	.557	62.0	61	"
"	18th	.016	73.6	83.4	19.7	63.7	78.1	69.6	.611	64.6	63	"
"	19th	29.999	72.8	83.7	21.8	61.9	78.5	69.6	.605	64.4	61	"
"	20th	30.029	72.0	82.7	21.5	61.2	78.4	68.3	.558	62.0	53	"

The mean 10 A.M. pressure of the seven days Inches. 29.995

The mean temperature of the seven days ° 73.7

The extreme variation of temperature ° 23.6

The maximum temperature ° 84.8

The mean 10 A.M. relative humidity of the seven days % 63

The total fall of rain from 14th to 20th November 1897 Inches. Nil

The daily mean temperatures are the crude means of maximum and minimum temperatures.

METEOROLOGICAL OFFICE, BENGAL.

The 22nd November 1897.

C. LITTLE,

Meteorological Reporter to the Govt. of Bengal.

IRRIGATION DEPARTMENT, BENGAL.

Abstract statement showing Tollage on Canals in Bengal classed as Major Works for the month of September 1897, as compared with that of the corresponding month of the previous year.

CANALS.	TOLLAGE, 1897-98.			TOLLAGE, 1896-97.		
	During the month.	To end of the month.		During the month.	To end of the month.	
1	2	3	4	5		
<i>Orissa Circle.</i>	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.		
Taldanda Canal System	642 8 2	6,534 13 11	906 9 11	16,958 5 7		
Kendrapara ditto	9,160 6 4	59,301 4 11	10,656 4 8	49,615 13 1		
High Level Canal, Range I	1,741 1 0	7,968 3 6	2,201 6 6	10,051 7 0		
Ditto, " II	323 5 0	1,076 2 9	524 8 0	2,433 11 3		
Ditto, " III	56 12 6	261 3 9	186 8 0	1,126 11 6		
Jajpur Canal	48 2 0	145 9 0	55 3 6	188 3 0		
Total Orissa Circle ...	11,972 3 0	75,287 5 10	14,530 8 7	80,374 3 5		
<i>South-Western Circle.</i>						
Midnapore Canal	11,069 5 3	69,003 9 6	15,900 11 6	77,879 10 9		
Hijili Tidal Canal	9,643 15 9	58,686 15 9	11,897 13 6	56,066 9 6		
Total South-Western Circle ...	20,653 5 0	1,27,690 9 3	27,798 9 0	1,33,946 4 3		
<i>Sone Circle.</i>						
Patna Canal System	830 1 6	11,427 3 3	1,188 11 3	11,373 7 3		
Arrah ditto	1,141 5 9	16,549 2 0	2,131 2 3	10,965 8 3		
Buxar ditto	526 9 0	4,963 10 0	720 15 6	5,017 13 0		
Total Sone Circle ...	2,498 0 3	32,939 15 3	4,040 13 0	27,356 12 6		
GRAND TOTAL ...	35,123 8 3	2,35,917 14 4	46,369 14 7	2,41,677 4 2		

Government Transport Service.

CANAL.	TOLLAGE, 1897-98.						TOLLAGE, 1896-97.					
	During the month.			To end of the month.			During the month.			To end of the month.		
	Passengers.	Goods.	Total receipts.	Passengers.	Goods.	Total receipts.	Passengers.	Goods.	Total receipts.	Passengers.	Goods.	Total receipts.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
<i>Orissa Circle.</i>	No.	Mds.	Rs. A. P.	No.	Mds.	Rs. A. P.	No.	Mds.	Rs. A. P.	No.	Mds.	Rs. A. P.
High Level ...	6,851	146	5,511 15 2	28,302	4,723	21,497 1 3	3,009	195	2,716 14 0	17,446	2,398	16,834 8 7
Total Orissa Circle ...	6,851	146	5,511 15 2	28,302	4,723	21,497 1 3	3,009	195	2,716 14 0	17,446	2,398	16,834 8 7

Assessed Tollage Receipts.

CANALS.	EARNINGS, 1897-98.			EARNINGS, 1896-97.		
	During the month.	To end of the month.		During the month.	To end of the month.	
1	2	3	4	5		
	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.		
Orissa Canals	17,484 2 2	96,784 7 1	17,247 6 7	96,208 12 0		
Midnapore Canal	11,009 5 3	69,003 9 6	15,900 11 6	77,879 10 9		
Hijili Tidal Canal	9,643 15 9	58,686 15 9	11,897 13 6	56,066 9 6		
Sone Canals	2,498 0 3	32,939 15 3	4,040 13 0	27,356 12 6		
Total	40,635 7 5	2,57,414 15 7	49,086 12 7	2,57,511 12 9		

CALCUTTA,
The 23rd November 1897.

T. H. CLOWES,
Under-Secy. to the Govt. of Bengal.

IRRIGATION DEPARTMENT, BENGAL.

Abstract statement showing Tollage on Canals in Bengal classed as Minor Works and Navigation for the month of September 1897, as compared with that of the corresponding month of the previous year.

CANALS.	TOLLAGE, 1897-98.		TOLLAGE, 1896-97.	
	During the month.	To end of the month.	During the month.	To end of the month.
1	2	3	4	5
	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Calcutta and Eastern Canals ...	22,236 12 6	1,12,246 3 6	22,926 0 3	1,22,193 6 0
Tolly's Nala ...	5,494 6 0	30,006 13 0	6,888 9 9	34,729 12 9
Total ...	27,731 2 6	1,42,253 0 6	29,814 10 0	1,56,923 2 9
Orissa Coast Canal ...	7,581 5 0	40,643 11 0	9,624 14 6	47,264 8 9
Nadia Rivers ...	12,466 7 6	46,057 8 9	17,110 15 6	59,248 5 9
GRAND TOTAL	47,778 15 0	2,28,954 4 3	56,550 8 0	2,63,436 1 3

CALCUTTA,

The 23rd November 1897.

T. H. CLOWES,

Under-Secy. to the Govt. of Bengal.

CIRCULAR AND EASTERN CANALS.

Approximate Return of traffic for the week ending Saturday, the 20th November 1897, as compared with the corresponding week of the previous year.

NATURE OF CARGO.	WEEK ENDING SATURDAY, THE 20TH NOVEMBER 1897.			WEEK ENDING SATURDAY, THE 21ST NOVEMBER 1896.		
	Number of boats.	Weight of cargo.	Tollage.	Number of boats.	Weight of cargo.	Tollage.
	No.	Mds.	Rs.	No.	Mds.	Rs.
Rice and paddy ...	250	25, 45	380	238	26,325	324
Jute ...	691	2,88,050	4,191	614	1,94,025	3,342
Firewood ...	63	42,525	654	162	1,09,775	1,654
Other articles ...	767	1,76,850	2,281	1,207	2,38,775	4,451
Total ..	1,771	5,33,370	7,8 6	2,221	5,68,900	9,771

Weekly Return of Traffic Receipts on Indian Railways.

EAST INDIAN RAILWAY.

Approximate Return of Traffic for the week ended 13th November 1897 on 1,702.46 miles open.

	COACHING TRAFFIC.		MERCHANDISE AND MINERAL TRAFFIC.		Other earnings (estimated).	Total earnings.	TRAFFIC TRAIN-MILES RUN.		
	Number of passengers.	Coaching receipts.	Weight carried.	Receipts.			Coaching.	Merchandise.	Total.
Total traffic for the week	(a) 352,601	Rs. 3,98,147 3 0	Mds. 38,61,258 20	Rs. 8,41,091 7 0	Rs. 20,611 0 0	Rs. 12,61,740 10 0	93,277	160,963	254,240
Or per mile of railway	.....	334 7 3	.....	494 0 2	12 1 0	741 2 2	.....	.....	.....
For previous 18½ weeks of half-year	* 5,307,630	* 57,43,660 11 0	* 6,78,05,546 0	* 1,31,63,923 2 0	* 14,39,815 0 0	* 1,38,51,098 13 0	1,700,003 4	2,604,301	4,304,305
Total for 19½ weeks	5,000,231	61,42,807 14 0	7,16,66,804 20	1,40,10,514 9 0	4,60,426 0 0	2,06,13,748 7 0	1,703,880 1	2,774,263	4,478,143
COMPARISON.									
Total for corresponding week of previous year	297,442	3,82,730 4 11	35,93,113 20	8,12,584 15 4	25,676 5 6	12,20,950 9 9	93,850	140,175	234,025
Per mile of railway corresponding week of previous year	.....	224 15 11	.....	477 10 5	15 1 6	717 11 10	.....	.....	.....
Total for corresponding 19½ weeks of previous year	5,050,188	59,78,098 12 3	6,31,97,557 30	1,24,02,069 2 1	3,98,901 0 8	1,87,80,046 15 0	1,652,800	3,427,636	5,080,436

(a) The increase is due to pilgrim traffic.

* Deducted number of passengers 3,809 and added

* Added Mds. 1, 62,721 and deducted

* Deducted

Rs. 55,799

Rs. 51,409

Rs. 768

} on account of difference between the approximate and audited figures for the weeks ended 18th and 25th September 1897.

TARKESSUR BRANCH RAILWAY.

Approximate Return of Traffic for the week ended 13th November 1897 on 22.23 miles open.

	COACHING TRAFFIC.		MERCHANDISE AND MINERAL TRAFFIC.		Other earnings (estimated).	Total earnings.	TRAFFIC TRAIN-MILES RUN.		
	Number of passengers.	Coaching receipts.	Weight carried.	Receipts.			Coaching.	Merchandise.	Total.
Total traffic for the week	(b) 25,112	Rs. 6,536 13 0	Mds. 10,457 30	Rs. 734 2 0	Rs. 7 0 0	Rs. 7,277 15 0	1,114	93	1,207
Or per mile of railway	.....	294 0 10	.....	33 0 5	0 5 0	327 6 3	.....	.....	.....
For previous 18½ weeks of half-year	* 367,072	* 85,046 5 0	* 11,72,005 10	* 7,214 2 0	* 169 0 0	* 83,269 7 0	20,481	1,641	22,122
Total for 19½ weeks	392,184	92,483 2 0	1,84,553 0	7,948 4 0	119 0 0	1,00,647 6 0	21,535	1,734	23,269
COMPARISON.									
Total for corresponding week of previous year	22,023 1	5,487 0 3	14,294 30	600 3 0	12 0 0	6,189 3 3	1,102	80	1,182
Per mile of railway corresponding week of previous year	.....	246 13 3	.....	31 0 0	0 8 8	278 6 8	.....	.....	.....
Total for corresponding 19½ weeks of previous year	405,229	98,040 2 4	1,79,844 20	7,978 11 0	101 12 3	1,04,209 14 7	21,814	1,280	23,094

(b) The increase is chiefly in outward traffic.

* Added number of passengers 471 and

* Do. Mds. 802 and deducted

* Do.

Rs. 164

Rs. 10

Rs. 5

} on account of difference between the approximate and audited figures for the weeks ended 18th and 25th September 1897.

DELHI-UMBALLA-KALKA RAILWAY.

Approximate Return of Traffic for the week ended 13th November 1897 on 160.47 miles open.

	COACHING TRAFFIC.		MERCHANDISE AND MINERAL TRAFFIC.		Other earnings (estimated).	Total earnings.	TRAFFIC TRAIN-MILES RUN.		
	Number of passengers.	Coaching receipts.	Weight carried.	Receipts.			Coaching.	Merchandise.	Total.
Total traffic for the week	(c) 18,366	Rs. 17,603 4 0	Mds. 98,140 30	Rs. 16,653 14 0	Rs. 130 0 0	Rs. 34,387 2 0	7,056	3,840	10,896
Or per mile of railway	.....	109 11 2	.....	103 12 6	0 13 0	214 4 8	.....	.....	.....
For previous 18½ weeks of half-year	* 279,776	* 3,50,458 7 0	* 15,24,381 10	* 12,38,147 0 0	* 11,608 0 0	* 5,90,273 7 0	146,001	75,147	221,148
Total for 19½ weeks	316,142	3,68,091 11 0	16,23,622 0	2,54,800 14 0	1,708 0 0	6,24,000 9 0	153,747	78,090	231,837
COMPARISON.									
Total for corresponding week of previous year	18,446	19,129 1 1	80,930 0	12,806 5 0	65 1 6	33,060 7 7	6,783	3,220	9,993
Per mile of railway corresponding week of previous year	.....	119 3 4	.....	80 2 10	0 6 6	199 12 8	.....	.....	.....
Total for corresponding 19½ weeks of previous year	332,553 1	2,09,966 3 2	14,02,340 20	1,76,030 2 0	1,280 4 10	4,77,360 10 0	133,330	64,700	198,030

(c) The decrease is chiefly in outward traffic.

* Deducted number of passengers 1,226 and added Rs. 287

* Added Mds. 1,941 and deducted

* Do.

Rs. 3,734

Rs. 1,117

} on account of difference between the approximate and audited figures for the weeks ended 18th and 25th September 1897.

EASTERN BENGAL STATE RAILWAY.

(INCLUDING N. B., DACCA, K.-D., AND ASSAM-BEHAR SECTIONS.)

Approximate Return of Traffic and Mileage for the week ended 13th November 1897 on 817 miles open.

	COACHING TRAFFIC.		MERCHANDISE AND MINERAL TRAFFIC.		Other earnings (including ferry).	Total earnings.	TRAFFIC TRAIN-MILES RUN.		
	Number of passengers.	Coaching receipts.	Weight carried.	Receipts.			Coaching.	Merchandise.	Total.
		Rs. A. P.	Mds. S.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.			
Total traffic for the week ...	234,210	1,16,080 0 0	11,34,300 0	2,60,400 0 0	12,920 0 0	3,08,400 0 0	32,120	55,307	87,427
Or per mile of railway ...	287	142 0 0	1,388 0	330 0 0	1 0 0	473 0 0*	.....	.....	.....
For previous 18 weeks of half-year ...	3,100,040	14,87,240 0 0	1,83,92,084 0	40,09,145 0 0	2,05,143 0 0	57,91,528 0 0	587,715	768,024	1,355,639
Total for 19 weeks ...	3,340,250	16,03,320 0 0	1,95,17,284 0	42,78,035 0 0	3,08,063 0 0	61,00,018 0 0	619,835	824,231	1,444,066
COMPARISON.									
Total for corresponding period of previous year ...	237,917	1,21,734 0 0	11,38,689 0	2,52,701 0 0	11,579 0 0	3,86,314 0 0	33,627	46,800	79,327
Per mile of railway corresponding week of previous year ...	292	150 0 0	1,399 0	310 0 0	1 0 0	461 0 0	.....	.....	.....
Total to corresponding date of previous year ...	3,944,841	17,98,318 0 0	2,14,91,725 0	46,03,919 0 0	3,24,719 0 0	67,26,686 0 0	611,780	839,663	1,451,443

* Excluding steamer earnings.

† Audited up to 18th September 1897.

DACCA STATE RAILWAY.

Approximate Return of Traffic and Mileage for the week ended 13th November 1897 on 86 miles open.

	COACHING TRAFFIC.		MERCHANDISE AND MINERAL TRAFFIC.		Other earnings.	Total earnings.	TRAFFIC TRAIN-MILES RUN.		
	Number of passengers.	Coaching receipts.	Weight carried.	Receipts.			Coaching.	Merchandise.	Total.
		Rs. A. P.	Mds. S.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.			
Total traffic for the week ...	24,300	8,070 0 0	63,800 0	5,440 0 0	180 0 0	13,690 0 0	2,096	1,633	4,328
Or per mile of railway ...	283	94 0 0	742 0	63 0 0	2 0 0	159 0 0	.....	.....	.....
For previous 18 weeks of half-year ...	370,064	1,24,676 0 0	6,62,583 0	55,272 0 0	2,995 0 0	1,82,843 0 0	45,707	26,457	72,254
Total for 19 weeks ...	394,364	1,32,646 0 0	7,26,383 0	60,712 0 0	3,175 0 0	1,96,633 0 0	48,402	28,090	76,692
COMPARISON.									
Total for corresponding week of previous year ...	24,546	8,057 0 0	49,078 0	4,065 0 0	91 0 0	12,613 0 0	2,063	1,253	3,335
Per mile of railway corresponding week of previous year ...	285	94 0 0	571 0	54 0 0	1 0 0	149 0 0	.....	.....	.....
Total to corresponding date of previous year ...	424,753	1,38,309 0 0	6,73,909 0	61,615 0 0	4,005 0 0	2,03,029 0 0	44,890	26,789	71,179

* Audited up to 18th September 1897.

BENGAL CENTRAL RAILWAY COMPANY, LIMITED.

Approximate Return of Traffic and Mileage for the week ended 13th November 1897 on 125 miles open.

	COACHING TRAFFIC.		MERCHANDISE AND MINERAL TRAFFIC.		Other earnings.	Total earnings.	TRAFFIC TRAIN-MILES RUN.		
	Number of passengers.	Coaching receipts.	Weight carried.	Receipts.			Coaching.	Merchandise.	Total.
		Rs. A. P.	Mds. S.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.			
Total traffic for the week ...	41,957	20,045 0 0	90,573 0	10,510 0 0	104 0 0	31,559 0 0	3,846	5,153	8,999
Or per mile of railway ...	360	167 0 0	725 0	84 0 0	1 0 0	268 0 0	.....	.....	.....
For previous 18 weeks of half-year ...	530,407	2,00,575 0 0	22,04,463 0	2,13,326 0 0	3,297 0 0	4,26,208 0 0	75,327	94,915	169,442
Total for 19 weeks ...	572,454	2,30,620 0 0	22,95,050 0	2,23,846 0 0	3,401 0 0	4,57,767 0 0	79,373	90,068	169,441
COMPARISON.									
Total for corresponding week of previous year ...	35,863	12,615 0 0	93,940 0	7,385 0 0	78 0 0	20,028 0 0	3,789	3,697	6,486
Per mile of railway corresponding week of previous year ...	283	101 0 0	753 0	59 0 0	.....	160 0 0	.....	.....	.....
Total to corresponding date of previous year ...	642,465	2,00,999 0 0	20,00,038 0	1,88,979 0 0	3,726 0 0	3,99,704 0 0	72,479	67,879	140,358

* Audited up to week ending 18th September 1897.

BENGAL AND NORTH-WESTERN RAILWAY.

(INCLUDES TERHUT STATE RAILWAY.)

Approximate Return of Traffic for week ending 6th November 1897 on 815 miles open.

	COACHING TRAFFIC.		MERCHANDISE AND MINERAL TRAFFIC.		Other earnings (estimated), including steam-boat.	Total earnings.	TRAFFIC TRAIN-MILES RUN.		
	Number of passengers.	Receipts.	Weight carried.	Receipts.			Coaching.	Merchandise.	Total.
Total traffic for the week on 815 miles open	125,360	Rs. (a) 57,590	Mds. 3,72,290	Rs. (b) 41,680	Rs. (a) 14,400	Rs. (a) 1,13,570	18,690	(c) 21,178	39,868
Or per mile of railway	153'81	70'29	450'80	51'14	17'67	139'10	.....	.....	.....
For previous 17 weeks of half-year (d)	1,747,043	6,57,576	65,94,573	7,77,374	2,07,915	16,42,965	318,533	330,653	649,186
Total for 18 weeks	1,872,003	7,14,866	69,66,863	8,19,054	2,22,315	17,55,235	337,213	371,831	709,044
COMPARISON.									
Total for corresponding week of previous year on 766 miles open	52,493	35,369	4,49,799	55,384	9,965	1,00,708	13,670	(e) 20,069	33,739
Per mile of railway corresponding week of previous year	109'11	46'77	591'00	73'26	13'18	133'21	.....	.....	.....
Total to corresponding date of previous year	1,724,991	6,56,113	69,80,763	8,41,277	1,86,538	16,35,927	326,965	318,163	645,128

- (a) Increase in "coaching" and "other earnings" due to Sonapur and Ajodhya *mélas*.
 (b) Decrease in goods traffic due to pressure of coaching traffic in connection with the *mélas*.
 (c) Includes 3,030 miles of ballast trains run on open line.
 (d) .. audited figures up to week ending 11th September 1897.
 (e) .. 420 miles of ballast trains run on open line.

ASSAM-BENGAL RAILWAY.

Approximate Return of Traffic for the week ended 6th November 1897 on 274 miles open for all descriptions of Traffic and an additional 12 miles for goods and parcels traffic only.

	COACHING TRAFFIC.		MERCHANDISE AND MINERAL TRAFFIC.		Other earnings (estimated).	Total earnings.	TRAFFIC TRAIN-MILES RUN.		
	Number of passengers.	Coaching receipts.	Weight carried.	Receipts.			Coaching.	Merchandise.	Total.
Total traffic for the week	23,024	Rs. A. P. 14,946 0 0	Mds. s. 1,79,405 0	Rs. A. P. 8,713 0 0	Rs. A. P. 346 0 0	Rs. A. P. 24,007 0 0	3,316	3,690	7,006
Or per mile of railway	87'31	54'53	637'29	39'47	1'21	80'23	12'10	12'90	25'00
For previous 17 weeks of half-year	233,883	1,25,730 0 0	25,98,606 0	1,07,721 0 0	8,915 0 0	2,42,356 0 0	38,463	56,860	95,323
Total for 18 weeks	257,907	1,40,668 0 0	27,78,011 0	1,16,434 0 0	9,261 0 0	2,66,363 0 0	41,769	60,558	102,327
COMPARISON.									
Total for corresponding week of previous year	11,235	6,110 0 0	1,28,058 0	3,289 0 0	164 0 0	14,553 0 0	2,304	3,091	5,395
Per mile of railway corresponding week of previous year	70'66	38'43	805'40	52'13	'97	91'53	14'40	19'46	33'86
Total to corresponding date of previous year	201,742	1,03,012 0 0	19,23,193 0	73,105 0 0	3,060 0 0	1,79,797 0 0	20,235	35,596	55,831

FINANCIAL YEAR.

Approximate Statement of Gross Receipts of the Assam-Bengal Railway.

RECEIPTS FOR WEEK ENDING 6TH NOVEMBER 1897.			RECEIPTS FOR WEEK ENDING 6TH NOVEMBER 1896.			TOTAL RECEIPTS FROM 1ST APRIL TO 6TH NOVEMBER 1897.			TOTAL RECEIPTS FROM 1ST APRIL TO 6TH NOVEMBER 1896.			Total increase in 1897.	Total decrease in 1897.
Mean mileage worked.	Receipts.	Per mile worked.	Mean mileage worked.	Receipts.	Per mile worked.	Mean mileage worked.	Total receipts.	Per mile worked per week.	Mean mileage worked.	Total receipts.	Per mile worked per week.		
286	Rs. 24,007	85'23	169	Rs. 14,553	91'53	286	Rs. 1,07,759	.....	169	Rs. 2,21,991	.....	Rs. 1,76,768	.....

DARJEELING-HIMALAYAN RAILWAY COMPANY, LIMITED.

Approximate earnings for the week ending 13th November 1897	Rs. A. P. 16,873 0 0
Corresponding period of 1896	16,535 3 9
Increase	338 6 9
Receipts per mile for the week ending 13th November 1897	326 14 5
Ditto for the corresponding period of 1896	324 3 6
Increase	2 10 11
Receipts from 1st July to 13th November 1897	2,87,115 0 0
Corresponding period of 1896	2,87,783 0 0
Decrease	668 0 0

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RESOLUTION ON THE ANNUAL STATISTICAL RETURNS OF VACCINATION IN BENGAL FOR 1896-97.

MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT—SANITATION.

Calcutta, the 29th November 1897.

RESOLUTION—No. 5094S.

READ—

The Statistical Returns of Vaccination in Bengal for the year 1896-97, with brief notes by the Sanitary-Commissioner.

The Returns were due on the 15th June, but did not reach Government till the 17th October. This delay was, however, unavoidable, as the Sanitary Commissioner, Surgeon-Major H. J. Dyson, was deputed to Bombay, on special duty, in connection with the Plague, just at the time when the materials for the Returns had been collected and he was about to write his report.

2. *Strength of inspecting and working staff.*—The following table compares the strength of the working and supervising staff during the last two years:—

	YEAR.	INSPECTING STAFF.					OPERATORS.				Total number of operators.	REMARKS.
		Number of Deputy Superintendents.	Number of Inspectors.	Number of Sub-Inspectors.	Number of Head Vaccinators.	Total number of inspecting staff.	Vaccinators.		Apprentices.			
							Government or paid.	Licensed.	Government or paid.	Licensed.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Calcutta	1896-97	1	4	...	2	8	29	...	4	...	33	
	1895-96	1	5	...	2	9	37	...	4	...	41	
	Increase Decrease	...	1	...	...	1	8	...	...	...	8	
Calcutta A. V. Depôt.	1896-97	...	1	...	1	2	2	...	...	...	2	
	1895-96	...	1	...	1	2	2	...	...	...	2	
	Increase Decrease	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Provincial areas.	1896-97	...	50	142	9	251	165	2,101	...	1,177	3,443	
	1895-96	...	53	142	9	254	181	2,057	...	1,090	3,337	
	Increase Decrease	...	3	...	...	3	16	44	...	78	106	
Mufassal Muni- cipalities, Dis- pensaries, &c.	1896-97	...	5	4	1	10	253	...	...	...	253	
	1895-96	...	5	4	1	10	260	...	2	...	271	
	Increase Decrease	...	...	...	...	...	10	...	2	...	18	
Total ...	1896-97	1	60	146	13	271	444	2,101	4	1,177	3,731	
	1895-96	1	64	146	13	275	460	2,057	6	1,090	3,651	
	Increase Decrease	...	4	...	...	4	40	44	2	78	80	

The special establishment employed in Calcutta, on the outbreak of small-pox in 1895-96, was not required during the year under review, and consequently the strength of the Calcutta staff was reduced by one Inspector and eight vaccinators. The number of Inspectors in the Tributary States of Orissa was reduced by three, and fewer vaccinators were employed in many districts, where, in 1895-96, small-pox had prevailed in an epidemic form. The number of vaccinators working in Mufassal Municipalities and Dispensaries was less by sixteen, but the number of licensed vaccinators increased by forty-four. Inspection work was seriously affected by the fact that, from October to March, the three Deputy Sanitary Commissioners were employed on plague duty, while, for forty-one days in the year, there was no Deputy Sanitary Commissioner of the Metropolitan Circle.

3. *Number of operations and average per operator.*—In spite of famine and scarcity, the total number of vaccinations performed rose from 2,277,081 to 2,293,655. At the same time, owing to an increase in the staff of vaccinators, the average number of operations performed by each fell from 624 to 615. The increase in the number of operations is distributed over 26 out of 49 districts, including the Tributary States of Orissa and the Political States of Chota Nagpur. The increase was highest in the following districts:—

Backergunge	...	...	...	...	15,640
Cuttack	...	...	...	...	15,472
Chittagong	...	...	...	...	10,694
Shahabad	...	...	...	...	10,642
Bankura	...	...	...	...	10,129

These results reflect credit on the officers concerned, especially in the backward districts of Cuttack and Chittagong, where the success attained in pushing on vaccination was especially conspicuous. A larger number of operations than in the previous year was also performed in Calcutta and in Mufassal Municipalities and Dispensaries. Twenty-three districts show a falling off, the decline being most marked in the following:—

Saran	...	...	...	...	20,612
Faridpur	...	...	...	...	15,677
Tippera	...	...	...	...	15,469
Muzaffarpur	...	...	...	...	12,538
Darbhangha	...	...	...	...	11,397
Dacca	...	...	...	...	10,047
Mymensingh	...	...	...	...	9,517

The decrease is attributed, in most cases, to the prevalence of famine, and the consequent inability of the people to meet the cost of vaccination. In Dacca and Faridpur, it is also explained that the figures for the preceding year were abnormally high, owing to the acceptance, for the first time, of vaccination by the Ferazi Muhammadans, and in Mymensingh, that the vigorous measures taken to meet a severe outbreak of small-pox, raised the figures for 1895-96 much above the average. In Tippera and Darbhanga, and also in other districts, the licensed vaccinators, it is said, found great difficulty in realizing their fees, and thus could not be made to work satisfactorily.

4. *Protection afforded to infants.*—Calculating the birth-rate for the Province, as in previous years, at 40 *per mille*, the total number of infants under one year, available for vaccination, was 2,460,228, of whom 498,979, or 202·81 *per mille*, were successfully vaccinated, against 416,307, or 169·19, in the previous year. If the figures can be relied upon, this indicates a remarkable improvement in the working of the Department. The districts of Darjeeling and Malda, again, head the list with 876·89 and 819·82 successful operations, respectively, out of every thousand of the available infant population. Next in order come Lohardaga and Palamau, while Cuttack and Gaya stand lowest with 43·57 and 37·49, respectively. These variations are as remarkable as in the preceding year, and the Sanitary Commissioner considers that the proportion must be either overstated or understated in many districts. He would prefer to estimate the birth-rate at 51·8, the rate calculated by Mr. Hardy on the last Census, which reduces the proportion of infants, protected from 202·81 to 149·79, and the figures for the best protected district, Darjeeling, from 876·89 to 638·82.

5. *Primary Operations.*—The ratio *per cent.* of successful cases for the entire Province is returned at 98·50, against 98·39 *per cent.* in 1895-96. As in previous years, this high percentage is attributed to vaccinators, either excluding unsuccessful cases altogether from their Returns, or entering cases, which failed or partially failed, as successful. The Civil Surgeon of Purnea found that some vaccinators did not enter in their diaries the names of the children vaccinated, until the success of the operation was assured, and the Sanitary Commissioner believes that this practice is universal. Local officers have been instructed that stricter supervision must be exercised by the inspecting staff over the work of the licensed vaccinators, who do not understand the utility of entering all cases, whether successful or unsuccessful, and the Lieutenant-Governor hopes that the Civil Surgeons will devote greater attention to the matter. The introduction of the system in force in the Panjab, of making three punctures in each arm, which was referred to in last year's Resolution, has been postponed, pending the re-organization of the Sanitary Department.

6. *Secondary Operations.*—The number of secondary operations rose from 49,149 to 70,527, an increase of 21,378. Of these, 14,606 occurred in Rural areas, 7,600 in Mufassal Municipalities and Dispensaries, and 801 in the Animal Vaccination Depot at Calcutta. The percentage of successful cases was 60·23, against 50·04 in 1895-96, but this includes those cases in which the operation is repeated till it proves successful.

7. *Recess work.*—The number of operations performed during the recess in connection with small-pox epidemics and the up-keep of lymph for emergencies, fell from 147,236 to 115,833, or by 31,403. The decrease occurred everywhere, and seems to show that the unusual activity evinced in the previous year was not maintained.

8. *Vaccination at the expense of the District Board.*—The number of vaccinators employed by the District Boards and paid from District Funds decreased from 67 to 60, and the number of persons vaccinated by them, from 59,000 to 58,722. The contributions made by District Boards towards vaccination in rural areas, rose from 3,279 to 3,368. As in the preceding year, the largest contribution (Rs. 1,181) was made by the District Board of Puri. Of the other District Boards, Chittagong contributed Rs. 864, Cuttack Rs. 581, Gaya Rs. 447, Dacca Rs. 194, and Khulna Rs. 100. A comparison of the work

done by the licensed, Government, District Board and Municipal agencies, shows that there was an increase in the number of operations performed by the licensed and Municipal vaccinators, against a diminution in the work done by the Government and District Board agencies.

9. *Cost of vaccination.*—The total cost of vaccination during the year was Rs. 2,06,204, against Rs. 2,09,480 in 1895-96, the average cost of each reported successful vaccination being one anna and five pies, against one anna and six pies in the previous year.

10. *Death-rate from small-pox.*—The diagram attached to the report illustrates the death-rate from small-pox in each district, as compared with the proportion of population protected by vaccination. The total number of deaths from small-pox during the year was 16,179, giving a ratio of .22 per thousand of the population, against 13,080 and a ratio of .17 in 1895-96. The following districts, which had the highest mortality from small-pox, show a very low ratio of population protected:—

District.	Protected per 10,000	Death-rate from small-pox per 10,000.
Shahabad	1,100	15
Puri	1,600	12
Patna	1,200	11
Outtack	1,000	8
Gaya	1,100	6
Monghyr	1,700	4

Darjeeling, with 5,800 persons protected per 10,000 of population had eight deaths, and the same number is returned for Malda: the lowest number of deaths from small-pox is, however, reported from Rajshahi, where only two persons are said to have died of the disease.

11. *Method of vaccination.*—It has been usual, in previous reports, to furnish a statement comparing the efficacy of the three methods of vaccination practised in Bengal, viz., (1) with vaccine lymph obtained direct from the calf, (2) with vaccine lymph prepared with lanoline, and (3) with human lymph taken by arm-to-arm transfer. As the Sanitary Commissioner did not consider these figures reliable, he has, in his present report, only prepared a statement showing the number of operations performed direct from the calf, as compared with the previous year. The increase in many districts is very considerable, and taking these figures in conjunction with the increased demand during the year for the lanoline vaccine paste manufactured at the Animal Vaccination Depots, Dr. Dyson expresses his belief that the arm-to-arm method of vaccination in Bengal will soon be entirely superseded. He goes on to remark:—

“When I suggested vaccination direct from the calf in 1893, instead of the arm-to-arm method, I was told that it was impossible in Bengal. I persevered, however, with the idea, and the above figures show what has been done in the three years which have since elapsed. I decline to believe that the system is impracticable in the districts which show no work in this connection.

12. *Supply of lanoline lymph to Nepal.*—Although it was expected that, in consequence of the arm-to-arm method of vaccination having been introduced into Nepal, there would have been no demand there for lanoline vaccine paste, it appears that 1,845 grains were supplied, on the request of the Nepal Durbar, from the Animal Vaccination Depot at Darjeeling. It has been ascertained that 516 out of 596 persons were successfully vaccinated with this lymph, the result in 56 of the remaining cases being unknown.

13. *Inspections.*—The Deputy Sanitary Commissioners were employed throughout the working season on plague duty, and consequently visited only 262 villages out of 242,311 in their jurisdiction and inspected 10,543 operations. The Civil Surgeons, on the other hand, showed greater activity in this respect. The Civil Surgeon of Dacca, who stood second in 1895-96, now heads the list with 13,626 inspections, and is followed by the Civil Surgeons of Darbhanga and Backergunge with 13,581 and 13,228, respectively. Four Civil Surgeons inspected more than 10,000 operations, 13 from 5,000 to 10,000, 28 from 1,000 to 5,000, and 3 less than 1,000.

By order of the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal,

H. H. RISLEY,

Secretary to the Govt. of Bengal.

THE CYCLONE AT CHITTAGONG.

The 30th November 1897.—The following is published for general information.

M. FINUCANE,
Secretary to the Govt. of Bengal.

On the evening of the 25th October I received from the Magistrate of Chittagong a telegram to the effect that a severe cyclone had happened on the previous evening, that great damage had been done to private property, and that three lives had been lost. This was followed later by another informing me that half the houses in the town had collapsed, that the Government masonry buildings were safe but needed urgent repair, that certain other buildings had been levelled to the ground, that every road had been blocked with fallen trees, and several brigs in the river had been sunk. Next day a telegram came from the Personal Assistant to the Commissioner much to the same effect. In answer, I asked if there had been any storm-wave; I also enquired of the neighbouring districts of Backergunge, Noakhali and Tippera whether the cyclone had extended to them. I received replies that no other district besides Chittagong had been affected, and that there had been no storm-wave. It was reported that the earlier sorts of winter rice then ripening were greatly damaged, but the later kinds had not suffered. The number of deaths known to have occurred was increasing.

It is now feared that Mr. Pereira, Toll Inspector of the Forest Department, was drowned.

No European lives had been lost, and the European ships, though driven out of position, were all safe; but six native craft had been sunk in the river Meghna, and four in the river at Chittagong. The salt golas had been wrecked.

In this condition of affairs I referred to the Famine Relief Committee and enquired whether they had funds, and would be willing to make a grant in aid of the Chittagong sufferers. On receiving a favourable reply, I asked that Rs. 10,000 might at once be placed at the disposal of the local authorities. This was immediately done.

On the 28th, the further news arrived that the cyclone had extended to the Chittagong Hill Tracts, and that Rangamati had been wrecked: but nothing was heard of Kutubdia and Cox's Bazar. Next day news came that the latter place was more or less wrecked, and there were rumours of 800 persons having been drowned by a tidal wave at Kutubdia and 300 more at Moiskal, an adjacent island. The number of brigs ascertained to have been sunk in the river rose to 12. The Commissioner started at once for Kutubdia, Moiskal, and Cox's Bazar in the steam-launch *Active*. The result of his enquiries was to far more than confirm the reports; he estimated the deaths at from 4,000 to 5,000. He found the people in great straits, and made arrangements for a temporary supply of food.

On receipt of this melancholy intelligence, I referred again to the Famine Relief Committee, and obtained an immediate grant of an additional Rs. 15,000.

The next news which reached us was that the cyclone had penetrated to the South Lushai Hills, and had done much damage to houses, camps, and trees.

The geographical position of the tracts affected, to be described later, accounts for the long delays which occurred in ascertaining even roughly the extent of the calamity. Between the worst of these tracts and Chittagong the only communication is by water, and the cyclone had destroyed the boats.

One's first impulse on hearing of so terrible a misfortune could only be to go as quickly as possible to the locality desolated by it: but it was deemed wiser to delay, since obviously the first necessity was for the local officers to ascertain what had really happened, and to afford immediate relief. Most of the country which had been submerged could be approached only by a small vessel; and so far from such accommodation being available, the Commissioner was urgently begging for the supply of a suitable steam-launch, which, it may here be said, was eventually obtained from the Nawab Sir Ashan Ulla, K.C.I.E., who, with his usual liberality and public spirit, sent the steam-launch *Barnagore* to Chittagong. Since it was clear that an immediate visit would in these circumstances be a hindrance rather than a help, I postponed it for a short time with the concurrence of the Commissioner.

Eventually I started on the 18th instant from Calcutta in the Indian Marine steamer *Guide*, accompanied by the Hon'ble Mr. Finucane and the Hon'ble

Mr. Risley, C.I.E., Secretaries to the Bengal Government in the Revenue and Financial Departments, respectively. The state of the tides and the river made it necessary for us to anchor on the evening of the 19th. To utilise the delay, the *Guide* was therefore taken somewhat out of her course and anchored off Kutubdia. Next morning at daylight we landed near the light-house, which we ascended and inspected. The large dioptric lantern had been shaken off the solid pillar on which it used to revolve, and, having been thrown over on one side, was rendered useless, and much of the thick plate glass was broken into fragments; plaster had been knocked down in places, and there were some cracks of no great importance in the masonry. These injuries are attributed by the Engineer and the Port Officer not to the direct force of the wind but to the rocking of the light-house itself. The dwelling-houses of the light-house-keepers had been completely destroyed; the wooden floor of one of them had been carried away to a distance of 60 yards, and the corrugated iron of the roofs had been scattered about the fields, while huge stones from the revetment had been washed ashore.

The drinking water tank had been spoiled by salt water; and there was a good deal of salt water lying about in the fields, in some, but not all, of which the crops had been cut. About 200 of the inhabitants met us and petitioned for either advances or permission to leave the island. They showed me specimens of the rice; the grain was partially formed, and a little—only a little—food could be obtained from it. Drinking water is brought from a tank which seemed to be some 2 or 3 miles from the light-house, and which is at present used by the whole island. I tasted the water; it was very slightly brackish and was fit to drink. Urgent supplies of food had been given by the Commissioner, and *domes* had visited the island and buried the corpses which were on the shore. So far as I could understand from the accounts of the lighthouse-keepers, there had been not a single storm-wave but several, one after another; the height reached was apparently some 6 or 7 feet.

The *Guide* proceeded to Chittagong, and I was met by the Commissioner, Judge, Collector, Settlement Officer, Port Officer, and other officials, from whom I received such further information as was available. I left Chittagong on the morning of the 22nd and reached Calcutta on the evening of the 23rd instant.

The Chittagong district is a long narrow strip, running approximately from N.-N.-W. to S.-S.-E., about 165 miles long, and in the widest part about 25 miles broad, but on the average not more than from 12 to 15 miles. It lies between the Bay of Bengal on the west and the Hill Tracts of Chittagong and of Arrakan on the east. The hills on the east run generally parallel to the coast. There are several small rivers rising in the hills and falling into the Bay of Bengal. The principal of these are the Kornafully, on which, at a distance of 12 miles from its mouth, the town of Chittagong is situated, the Sangu, south of Chittagong, and the Mahamuri, still further south and about the middle of the district. On its approach to the sea this last divides into many mouths passing through a deltaic tract, consisting of mangrove swamps with cultivation on portions where cultivation is practicable. Opposite this tract, and separated from it by narrow channels navigable by small craft, are the islands of Kutubdia (about 13 miles long and 2 to 3 miles broad), Matarbari (about 9 miles long by 3 or 4 broad), Moiskhal (about 60 or 70 miles long by 7 or 8 broad) and smaller islands. The middle and east sides of Moiskhal are high (one hill being 288 feet above the level of the sea); but its other sides, and all the other islands, are very low. These low tracts, as well as most of the portions of main land opposite them, are generally protected by embankments, without which cultivation would be impossible.

It has now been ascertained that the main force of the cyclone of the 24th ultimo was confined to a strip, extending from about 14 miles above Chittagong town on the north to a point some 4 miles below Cox's Bazar on the south, about 70 miles wide in all. North and south of this strip little damage has been done, but within it the force of the cyclone was very great. The portion swamped by the storm-wave consisted of the islands described in the preceding paragraph (except the high parts of Moiskhal); and a strip of low land on the main land opposite. The area of the tracts affected is

about 225 square miles; of this some 32 miles are to be deducted for Mangrove jungle, leaving 193 miles of cultivated land; but, again, not the whole of this was submerged. On the main land portions only of villages on the east of the main land were actually swept by the wave; but it has not been possible to estimate the area and population of those parts which escaped; the whole, therefore, has been taken into account.

The different phases of the cyclone must of course have differed according to the position of the observer. We have unfortunately but one systematic and clear account, viz., that of Captain Good, the Port Officer. As early as the 22nd October, he had of his own motion notified that he expected bad weather. At 11 A.M. on Sunday the 24th he received from Calcutta an urgent message that the centre of the cyclone would pass across the face of the Sunderbuns. He hoisted storm signal No. 1, and sent round a notice to the merchants and to the ships in port. He ordered steam to be kept up in the steamers *Gekko* and *Active*, and personally saw all the boats belonging to Government and the Port Commissioners placed in safety in the khals. By 4 P.M. the barometer had fallen from 29.745 to 29.370, and the wind stood at north-east. At 5 P.M. it backed to N.-N.-E., and the squalls became very severe, with heavy rain. At 6 P.M. the barometer was at 29.20, and the wind veered to north, blowing with increased fury, its velocity being estimated at 80 miles an hour. The largest trees were uprooted, and almost all cutcha buildings were levelled to the ground. It was dark by this time. From 6 P.M. until 10 P.M., when the barometer stood at 28.750 (the lowest reading observed), the wind remained between north-east and north. It then lulled for about seven minutes, and again blew with redoubled violence from the north-west, and the barometer began to rise; the wind gradually went round to west, and then to the south-west, from which quarter it was blowing at about 1.30 A.M., when the storm ended.

The Superintendent of the South Lushai Hills reports that it began to blow hard at 9 P.M., and by 10 there was a hurricane accompanied by pelting rain. The storm abated at 12.30 A.M., having in the meantime made great havoc in the buildings and trees.

It will be observed that the greatest part of the storm and the severest took place in the dark; and no doubt this circumstance must have materially increased the loss of life. Complete information has not yet reached us, but the sum of what we have is truly appalling. The Commissioner has given me the following statement derived from imperfect police reports:—

STATION AND OUTPOST.				Number of deaths reported.	REMARKS.
1				2	3
Kutubdia	174	These are the submerged tracts.
Chakaria	...	...	...	1,196
Harbang	...	...	...	281
Banskali	...	...	...	164
Jaldi	...	...	...	1,034
Moiskhal	3,686	* Probably part only due to drowning. The cyclone here is said to have been extraordinarily violent.
Cox's Bazar	...	...	...	16
Satkania	...	...	...	274*
Patiya	...	...	...	126
Raujan	...	...	...	75
Fatikohhari	...	...	...	2
Chittagong Town	...	...	...	13
Total				7,041	

The above is, I fear, much below the truth. The mortality in Kutubdia is known to have been greater than is stated above, and the deaths in Chakaria alone are estimated by the Tahsildar at Cox's Bazar at no fewer than 4,845!

This is only an estimate and wants confirmation; but the Settlement Officer, Mr. Allen, in a note which he has prepared for me, says that "the disproportionately high mortality in Chakaria, as compared with that on the apparently more exposed island of Kutubdia, is explained by the fact that the wave rushed up the great estuaries of the Mahamuri river, and was thus particularly fatal to the inhabitants of those parts who dwell on the banks of these tidal khals for the sake of the convenience of communication." The Collector, after visiting the littoral tracts, says that in many cases the village sites have been obliterated, and everything swept away. In these villages the mortality among women and children has been very great. In the case of four villages which he visited he says that the few survivors have lost everything. They were clothed with rags found in the jungles, and were living in rough huts made out of jungle and the fragments of their ruined houses. They were eating the half-ripened rice from their fields and drinking brackish water. In Rajakhali, a village on the main land, the panchayet has noted in his collection books the loss of 1,006 people. The number of inhabitants according to the census was 1,802, but had probably increased to about 2,000. Bearing in mind that the police figures are obtained from the chaukidars, and that some of the chaukidars themselves must have been among the victims, I fear that the total loss of life must be 10,000 or 12,000 at the very least; a disproportionate number of these were no doubt women and children who had not the strength and activity to take refuge in trees.

The following table shows the number of villages submerged, their area in square miles, their population as ascertained by the last census and their noabad revenue:—

Thana or outpost.	Number of villages.	Area in square miles.	Population.	NOABAD REVENUE IN RUPEES—		
				Of taluks.	Of raiyats' holdings.	Total.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Banekhali thana ...	5	5	3,388	1,965	315	2,280
Jaldi, outpost of Banekhali.	15	51	33,264	21,039	4,067	25,106
Maishkhal thana ...	26	64	25,861	3,793	.....	3,793
Kutubdia outpost	6	35	11,343	11,075	22,113	33,188
Chakaria thana ...	13	38	12,747	18,805	27,526	46,331
Total ...	65	193	86,603	56,677	54,021	1,10,698

The table already given indicates that many deaths occurred in places not submerged. I have no information as to the manner in which they were caused; doubtless most of them were due to falling houses and trees.

It is impossible for me to estimate the loss from the destruction of houses. It will certainly be very great. Yet, except in the worst places, portions at least of the materials will generally be available to be used again. In Chittagong town itself the people were energetically repairing damages, and I was told that from the present appearance of the place, I could not form an idea of its condition immediately after the cyclone. No doubt in the remaining tracts not injured by the storm-wave the same activity is to be found. I have ordered that the tolls levied by the Forest Department on chhan grass, bamboos, canes, jarul wood, tali wood, and chowagree wood in the Chittagong forests shall be reduced by one-half for two months, and that fees on passes issued by the Khas Mahal Department for cutting jungle in areas affected by the cyclone shall be remitted altogether. These measures will make it easier to renew the huts which have been destroyed.

The destruction of cattle has also been on a very large scale, but the measure of the loss is at present impossible to estimate. I was informed of one village in which there were formerly 3,000 head, but at present only 90 remain.

The cultivators who have survived will certainly require extensive advances to enable them to replenish their stock.

In the portions of the district falling within the path of the severe cyclone, but not affected by the storm-wave, the crops appear to have been less injured than was at first feared; it is now thought that not more than 4 annas has been lost, but it must be remembered that, up to the occurrence of the cyclone, the promise was exceptionally good; probably in the tract in question the outturn will not be eventually much less than an average crop. The Patiya, Kodala and Chandpur tea gardens are reported to have suffered greatly, but I have no details. In the area of 193 square miles of rice cultivation said to have been submerged, the estimated outturn is from 2 to 4 annas: it has been explained that portions of that area were not actually swept by the wave. On the other hand, it is probable that other portions were totally ruined.

The people, though they have suffered very severely, are bearing their misfortune with patience and fortitude. There have been no attempts at robbery, and no special police measures of any kind have been found necessary. As soon as the probable nature and extent of the calamity became known, the Commissioner and his subordinates set to work with the most commendable energy. The Commissioner, Mr. Collier, out of the funds placed at his disposal at my instance by the Famine Relief Committee, and subsequently supplemented by an additional grant of Rs. 25,000, lost no time in distributing Rs. 5,325 in cash. The Collector, Mr. Anderson, also sent to Kutubdia 400 maunds of rice, 15 maunds of salt, 5 maunds of mustard-oil and 50 cases of kerosene-oil. To Jaldi he sent 550 maunds of rice, 10 maunds of salt, 5 maunds of chillies and 2 maunds of mustard-oil. To other places he sent 450 maunds of rice, 5 maunds of salt, 25 maunds of dāl, and 5 maunds of chillies. The officers employed in distribution are Mr. Dixon, c.s., Mr. Donald, c.s., Mr. Davidson, Deputy Magistrate, Babu Jogesh Chandra Sen, Sub-Deputy Collector, Babu Ananga Mohan Sen, kanungo, Babu Ram Kanay Pal, kanungo, and Babu Banamali Paramanik, Sub-Deputy Collector. The police also are being employed, and the Sub-Inspector at Jaldi in particular is said to be doing good work. Five Hospital Assistants are also aiding. The tracts most injured have been divided among the several officers, so that their condition from time to time may be effectively watched. *Kodalis* and picks have been supplied for well-digging, and kutchra wells are being dug under Mr. Davidson's supervision in all the villages where the water is very bad. There is great danger that this cyclone, like those which devastated parts of the Midnapore district in 1874 and Hatiya and Sandip in 1876, may be followed by a severe epidemic of cholera. In order as far as possible to guard against this, the Collector (Mr. Anderson) has sent for disinfectants and permanganate of potash from Calcutta, and attempts are being made to clean at least one tank in each village; but the zenana system is very rigid in Chittagong, and it is feared that the women will continue to draw water from polluted sources, in the immediate neighbourhood of their houses. This practice has hitherto been a very fertile source of disease wherever cholera has broken out in the district. It is satisfactory that as yet but two or three cases of cholera have appeared in only one locality, Satkania, which was not submerged. The local authorities have at their command sufficient medical help at present. If more is required, it will be furnished at once on requisition.

The Collector procured 17 Doms with some difficulty from Calcutta, and they have been employed in disposing of dead bodies.

Measures were at once taken to open as a relief-work the projected road from Jaldi to Chakaria; but no labourers were found to accept the terms of the Famine Code. In the island of Kutubdia labourers could not at first be obtained to work about the light-house for less than 8 annas per diem; the price of labour has since gone down to 4 annas a day, but it is not generally lower than this in the district. The time is now approaching when labourers go to Arrakan to cut crops, and it is believed that not a few of the unfortunate cultivators will speedily avail themselves of this resource.

The class said to be most seriously affected is that of the "bhadra lok," or respectable people, who are very numerous in Chittagong, and have suffered severely from the high prices of last year. They will certainly not attend

road or embankment works, whether as relief-works or otherwise. It appears to me that the requirements of people of this class can be best met by advances, and by the bestowal of small grants from the funds at the disposal of the Commissioner. These funds, after deducting the expenditure already mentioned, amount to some Rs. 45,000, which the Commissioner thinks sufficient for the present. But it is certain that besides the instances of absolute destitution there must be many hard cases, to the alleviation of which private charity may be most fittingly applied. Any subscriptions, which may be forwarded to the Commissioner or the Collector, will be expended to the best advantage. I am, however, clearly of opinion that in the case of a generally well-to-do population, such as that of Chittagong, it is not desirable to give indiscriminate relief. After the cyclone of 1876 in Hatiya and Sandip, Sir Richard Temple enjoined the strictest economy in expenditure of this description. I have asked the Commissioner to have an estimate prepared of his requirements in the matter of advances; and since the necessity for giving assistance in this shape is most pressing and urgent, I have authorised him to distribute, in anticipation of formal sanction, up to a lakh of rupees.

No remissions of revenue can be allowed in the case of permanently-settled estates, but proposals may be sent up for suspensions in any instances in which the local officers are satisfied of their necessity in order to enable the proprietors to repair or construct embankments, or to dig tanks for urgently needed supply of drinking-water. A considerable part of the damage has been done, it is feared, on estates under the management of the Court of Wards: the Collector will carefully consider what is required, and apply for assistance in the way of suspensions, if necessary. In the case of noabad holdings whether they be taluks or let directly to raiyats, the Collector will submit any proposals which he may deem necessary as to the realization of rents, or the distribution of advances.

The Government embankments round the island of Kutubdia have hitherto been under the charge of a subordinate of the Subdivisional Officer of Cox's Bazar. I am clearly of opinion (as is the Commissioner) that they should be transferred to the Public Works Department, and I have given directions that estimates should be prepared, and work commenced at once in anticipation, with the view of restoring the embankments to their former height. I am informed that in some places a new alignment is desirable. It is of great importance to undertake this work of restoration immediately, in order to settle the minds of the tenants, and also to protect them from risks. One thing brought very plainly before me is the want of good drinking-water, as well as places of refuge. It appears to me that in the Government khas mahals tanks should be dug after the manner of the "protective works" which, under the form of agreement, Clause II, appended to the Sunderbans rules, lessees of Sunderbans lands are required to construct in order to meet similar necessities. Possibly variations from the exact terms of that form may be desirable to suit local conditions. The Commissioner has in hand some Rs. 10,000 available from the grant for the improvement of Government Estates. I have asked him to devote this sum to the purpose indicated. The work given by the excavation of these tanks and the repairs of the Government and other embankments will greatly assist the labouring population.

Applications have been made for advances up to three months' pay being given to Government servants requiring them. Certainly such advances should not be given indiscriminately; enquiries have been ordered as to the extent to which they will be really necessary.

It may well be imagined that the Government buildings shared the general devastation. Mr. Stawell of the Public Works Department has examined those at Chittagong itself and at Cox's Bazar, as well as other places in the interior, and has favoured me with a note showing generally the condition of each building. I need not repeat those details. A full report with estimates will be submitted hereafter, but in the meantime urgent work is being taken in hand. The story is much the same everywhere; thatched or corrugated-iron roofs have been torn off, the timbers attached being sometimes carried away also. The amount roughly estimated as necessary to restore the Public Works buildings to their old conditions is Rs. 25,885. But suggestions have been made for the improvement of some of the buildings, and

probably these should be adopted. The eventual cost is therefore likely to exceed considerably the amount stated. Besides these buildings there are others which are not on the Public Works list. Twelve of the thirteen salt golas are entirely wrecked; they are merely mat buildings with thatched roof and walls, which are now resting on the salt itself and on what remains of the posts. The Collector of Customs desires to have proper godowns built; if this is done, probably a much smaller number than that hitherto provided will be sufficient.

The Custom House had been unroofed for the purpose of repairs before the cyclone, and it was intended to roof it again at a cost of some Rs. 7,000. But on inspection I found the walls in extremely bad condition, so had that it was proposed to strengthen them with buttresses before putting the roof on. It appears to me that the execution of this project would be a mere waste of money. The Collector of Customs wishes to have a new building erected on part of the site where the existing salt golas stand. For this there would be ample room, and the change would facilitate the working of the Port. Estimates may be made for the erection both of a new Custom House and of the necessary salt golas.

Mr. Stawell has brought to notice a curious anomaly. It seems that there are a good many buildings in the district, of which part belong to the Public Works Department and part to some other department. An instance of this is at Kutubdia, where the first light-house-keeper's house is repaired by the department, and the second by another department. This should be looked into, and the matter arranged as may be convenient.

Other departmental buildings in the interior have been destroyed or damaged; these will be repaired or replaced departmentally. In the meantime temporary arrangements for transacting current business are being made wherever necessary. The necessary repairs to the buildings of the Chittagong Hill Tracts were sanctioned by me.

The damage done to the Port is estimated by Captain Good at Rs. 60,225, of which Rs. 30,000 are on account of the Kutubdia light. The injury to the small vessels would have been considerably greater than it was but for the precautions taken by Captain Good. All these matters will have to be separately dealt with; I will merely mention that I have given permission to the Port Commissioners to overdraw their account by Rs. 25,000—a measure necessary to enable them to meet immediate requirements.

While at Chittagong, I went over, with the Commissioner, the Collector, and other officers, the directions contained in Sir Richard Temple's minute on his visit to Hatiya and Sandip immediately after the cyclone of 1876, and called their attention to such points as were likely to be useful in the present circumstances.

It now only remains for me to say that, while the sufferers themselves have shown a remarkable spirit of patience and courage, the officers of Government have displayed no less energy and humanity in coming to their assistance. It was very gratifying to me to find that this fact is fully recognized by the people of Chittagong. I feel that the interests of the unfortunate people are in safe hands, and that their condition from time to time will be closely watched, so that any unfavourable developments may be averted or at once provided for.

C. C. STEVENS.

The 26th November 1897.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HEDJAZ.

No. 5071Medl., dated Calcutta, the 26th November 1897.

From—H. H. RISLEY, Esq., C.I.E., Secretary to the Government of Bengal,
Municipal Department,

To—E. B. HENRY, Esq., C.S.

I AM directed to forward for your information a copy of a letter No. 2505, dated the 21st instant, from the Government of India, with regard to the pilgrimage to the Hedjaz during the current season.

2. Orders will be issued on paragraph 2 of the Government of India's letter from the Political Department of this office. It is hoped that the warning given may result in dissuading a large number of Muhammadans from going to the Hedjaz this year.

3. The Lieutenant-Governor has decided to place you in charge of the arrangements for despatching pilgrims from Chittagong in the manner described in paragraph 3 of the Government of India's letter. I am to request that after making such inquiries as may be necessary, you will submit, for the information of the Lieutenant-Governor, and for communication to the Government of India, a report stating in as full detail as possible the arrangements you would propose to make for the reception of pilgrims belonging to Bengal and other provinces at Raniganj, and for their despatch to and embarkation at Chittagong. I am at the same time to convey the following observations on the subject.

4. *The Raniganj Camp.*—This must be large enough to contain about 1,000 pilgrims, that being the maximum number that any ship can accommodate. The plan should be drawn up in consultation with the Sanitary Commissioner, and should, if possible, be so arranged that the appearance of infectious disease in any part of the camp may not render it necessary to detain the entire body of pilgrims. As the camp will have to be occupied by successive batches of pilgrims, special attention must be paid to the water-supply, the latrines, and the method of removing and disposing of the night-soil. It will be necessary to supply the pilgrims with food during their detention in camp, and I am to suggest that it would be well to consult some of the leading pilgrim-brokers on this subject, and also on the question what arrangements should be made for the housing of female pilgrims. You should also consider whether a part of the camp should not be provided with superior accommodation and set apart for pilgrims belonging to the upper classes. Some accommodation must be provided for the pilgrim-brokers, who will carry on their business in the camp, and I am to suggest that this should be separate from the part occupied by the general body of pilgrims. As soon as the camp is ready for the reception of pilgrims, the fact must be notified as widely as possible through leading Muhammadans, brokers and village chaukidars. It is desirable that persons intending to go as pilgrims should be encouraged to go direct to the camp without entering Calcutta, and I am to suggest that this might be done by notifying in each district the route which pilgrims should follow, and by stationing brokers at Naihati and Raniganj or Khana to intercept pilgrims and conduct them to the camp.

5. *Sale of tickets.*—Under the Home Department Notification No. 2495 of the 20th November, passage tickets for the Hedjaz may only be sold at the places appointed for the detention of pilgrims. The success of the present scheme will depend largely on this prohibition being widely known and effectively enforced. During the early months of this year a large number of pilgrims who had bought tickets in Bombay and were prevented from sailing, made their way to Calcutta in the hope that they would be able to embark there either on regular pilgrim steamers or on Arab sailing vessels bound for the Red Sea or the Persian Gulf. A recurrence of this must be guarded against, and I am to suggest that you should make it known here and in Bombay, and at all large centres in Upper India, that no ticket will be accepted as valid that does not bear a certificate signed by the officers in charge of a camp to the effect (1) that the ticket was sold in the camp concerned, and (2) that the holder was detained under observation up to the time of his departure. It should

also be made clear to all persons desiring to go on the pilgrimage that no person can be received into the Raniganj camp who has not money enough to purchase a return ticket to Jeddah. Pilgrims coming from other provinces will of course have already provided themselves with tickets.

6. *Transit from Raniganj to Chittagong.*—As soon as information is received at Raniganj that a ship is ready to receive a stated number of pilgrims at Chittagong, the officer in charge of the camp must select that number from among the persons under observation, and must have them medically inspected. They must then be conveyed under guard by special train to Kooshtea, where they should embark on a special steamer for Chandpur. At Chandpur a special train should be in readiness to convey them to Chittagong. I am to request that the details of these arrangements may be worked out in communication with the railway and steamer companies concerned, and reported in full, with a time-table showing at what points in the journey a halt will be made to enable the pilgrims to take food. It should also be stated how they will be supplied with water during the journey. It is essential that they should embark at Kooshtea, disembark at Chandpur, and embark at Chittagong during daylight.

7. *Embarkation at Chittagong.*—The Port Officer of Chittagong will be appointed under section 8 of the Pilgrims Ships Act, 1895, to receive notice of the time of sailing of pilgrim vessels from Chittagong, and it will be his duty to see that the provisions of the Act and the rules framed under it are duly complied with.

No difficulty is anticipated in the embarkation of pilgrims. The train conveying them from Chandpur will be brought alongside the ship, and the pilgrims will walk on board over a temporary jetty. The Port Officer will be instructed to see that they do not enter the town, or have any communication with the residents of Chittagong.

8. *Provisions of ships.*—You will observe that the Government of Bombay has been asked to communicate to this Government any information that may be procurable about vessels starting from Chittagong. As, however, it is possible that the Bombay agents and shippers may be imperfectly acquainted with the conditions of the Chittagong Port, and that their ignorance on this point, together with apprehensions as to the damage done by the cyclone, may deter them from coming forward readily to state their intentions, I am to suggest that you should ascertain from the Port Officer of Calcutta the main facts relating to Chittagong, such as the system of lighting, buoyage and mooring, the depth of water on the bar at low water, the facilities for fitting up a ship, executing repairs, and procuring stores, and send a brief statement of these particulars to the shippers who ordinarily take pilgrims to the Hedjaz.

9. *Supply of food for the voyage.*—Finally I am to invite your attention to sections 12 and 18 of the Pilgrim Ships Act, 1895, and to rules 31 and 32. It is believed that pilgrims usually bring on board their own supplies of food, which they buy immediately before embarking. Under the system of embarkation now proposed it is not clear that this will be possible, and I am to ask that you will enquire carefully into the matter in communication with the brokers and charterers of ships, and report what arrangements should be made in respect of the supply of food.

No. 2505, dated Calcutta, the 21st November 1897.

From—J. P. HEWITT, Esq., C.I.E., Secy. to the Govt. of India, Home Dept.,
To—The Secretary to the Government of Bengal, Municipal (Medical) Department.

In continuation of the correspondence ending with your cypher telegram, dated the 15th instant, I am directed to forward, for the information of the Government of Bengal, a copy of a Notification No. 2495, dated the 20th instant, issued by the Government of India under the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897, with regard to the pilgrimage to the Hedjaz during the current season.

2. I am to request that all possible means may be taken to make the purport of the orders immediately and widely known, and to explain the reasons on which they are based. Every endeavour should also be made through Magistrates of Districts, the religious heads of the Muhammadans, pilgrim-

brokers, and in any other way that the Government of Bengal thinks best, to dissuade intending pilgrims from going to the Hedjaz this year.

3. I am also to forward, for the information of the Government of Bengal, a copy of a circular addressed to Local Governments and Administrations on the subject of the arrangements for despatching pilgrims from the parts of India from which the prohibition against the pilgrimage has been withdrawn, to Karachi and Chittagong, for the purpose of embarking them for the Hedjaz. It will be observed that the Government of India have accepted the proposal contained in your telegram of the 6th instant, and that pilgrims from Bengal, Assam and the eastern part of the North-Western Provinces and Oudh are to be embarked at Chittagong after being first detained under observation in a provincial observation camp, whence they are to be sent to a central camp at Raniganj by special train and in charge of a responsible officer. The Local Governments and Administrations concerned have been directed to inform the Government of Bengal of the arrangements made, and to supply periodical information respecting the number of persons in the provincial camp destined for Raniganj and the period of observation they have completed. I am to request that the Government of Bengal will enter into communication with the Local Governments and Administrations concerned on the subject of the arrangements for receiving pilgrims from the provincial camps at Raniganj. The Government of India will also be glad to be informed of the arrangements made for the reception of pilgrims belonging to Bengal and other provinces at Raniganj, and for their despatch to, and embarkation at Chittagong.

4. Tickets are to be sold only at the observation camps, and I am to request that steps may be taken to enforce this order and make it known to pilgrim-brokers. The Government of Bombay have been requested to inform shipping agents of the arrangements, and to ascertain, as far as possible, the number of ships that will be available, the dates on which they will start, and whether they will sail from Karachi or Chittagong. They have also been requested to communicate to the Government of Bengal any information that may be ascertainable about vessels starting from Chittagong.

5. It is still under consideration whether pilgrims from the Madras Presidency and the States of Mysore and Hyderabad should be shipped from Karachi or Chittagong, and a further communication will be sent on this subject.

No. 2495, dated Calcutta, the 20th November 1897.

NOTIFICATION—By the Government of India, Home Department.

In the Notification of the Government of India in the Home Department, No. 625, dated the 20th February 1897, it was ordered under the powers conferred by section 2, subsection (1) of the Epidemic Diseases Act (III of 1897), that the pilgrimage to the Hedjaz should be suspended for the season of 1897.

The Government of India do not think it necessary that the pilgrimage should be altogether suspended for the current season, but as plague is widely prevalent in the Bombay Presidency, they consider it essential, in view of the strong opinions of all European Governments, including Turkey, regarding the danger of plague being communicated to Europe, and in view of the danger of plague being spread by intending pilgrims from infected to non-infected portions of India, that the pilgrimage should be subjected to careful restrictions.

The Governor-General in Council is, therefore, pleased to cancel the order contained in the Notification of the Government of India in the Home Department, No. 625, dated the 20th February 1897.

The Governor-General in Council is further pleased to direct that, until further orders, no person, resident, permanently or temporarily, in the Presidency of Bombay, with the exception of Sind, shall be permitted to embark from any port in India with the object of making a pilgrimage to Mecca.

The Governor-General in Council is further pleased to direct as follows—

- (1) That no person shall be permitted to embark with the object of making a pilgrimage to Mecca, except at the ports of Karachi in Sind and Chittagong in the Lower Provinces of Bengal, and unless and until such person has been kept under observation in a place appointed for the purpose until such time as the Medical Officer in charge shall be satisfied that all risk of such person conveying the infection of plague has been completely abated; and unless such person is conveyed from the place of observation to the place of embarkation under the orders of an officer appointed for the purpose.

- (2) That no passage tickets for the Hedjaz shall be sold, except at the places appointed for the detention of intending pilgrims under observation.
- (3) That all persons who have entered the Bombay Presidency (excluding Sind), with the object of proceeding to the Hedjaz, shall be placed in a camp of observation until such time as the Medical Officer in charge shall satisfy himself that all risk of the occurrence of plague among them has been completely abated. They shall then be sent to their homes.

Although the Government of India have decided that the pilgrimage to the Hedjaz may be permitted subject to the safeguards enumerated above, they are nevertheless convinced that intending pilgrims will be well advised in deferring their purpose until another season, in view specially of the stringent quarantine rules imposed by the Turkish Government and the inconvenience and harassment to which it is likely they will be subjected on arriving in Arabia.

The latest information received by the Government of India shows that the Hedjaz is still in a most disturbed condition, and that the journey to Mecca is fraught with danger to life and property.

(Sd.) J. P. HEWITT,
Secretary to the Government of India.

Nos. 2509-2514, dated Calcutta, the 21st November 1897.

From—J. P. HEWITT, Esq., C.I.E., Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department,

To—The Secretary to the Government of the North-Western Provinces and Oudh, Medical Department; the Junior Secretary to the Government of the Punjab; the Chief Commissioner of the Central Provinces; the Chief Commissioner of Assam; the Agent to the Governor-General of Rajputana; the Agent to the Governor-General in Central India.

I am directed to forward, for the information of the Government of the North-Western Provinces and Oudh, the Government of the Punjab, and the Government of the Central Provinces, your information a copy of a Notification No. 2495, dated the 20th instant, issued by the Government of India under the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897, with regard to the pilgrimage to Hedjaz during the current season.

2. I am to request that all possible means may be taken to make the purport of the orders immediately and widely known, and to explain the reasons on which they are based. Every endeavour should also be made through Magistrates of Districts, the religious heads of the Muhammadans, pilgrim-brokers, and in any other way that the Government of the North-Western Provinces and Oudh thinks best to dissuade intending pilgrims from going to the Hedjaz this year.

3. It will be observed that embarkation is permitted only at the ports of Karachi in Sind and Chittagong in the Lower Provinces of Bengal. The route *via* Chittagong is designed for the inhabitants of Bengal, Assam and the eastern portion of the North-Western Provinces and Oudh, and the route *via* Karachi for the inhabitants of Sind and of Upper India. All persons in the North-Western Provinces and Oudh, the Punjab, the Central Provinces, Assam, Rajputana, and neighbouring Native States who persist

in the desire to go on pilgrimage must be collected at an observation camp within the Province, where they must be detained under the careful Agency* superintendence of a Commissioned Medical Officer for at least ten days. Pilgrims who embark at Karachi will be sent direct to the port from the provincial observation camp, and pilgrims who embark at Chittagong will first be sent from the provincial camp to a central camp at Raniganj, whence they will be despatched to Chittagong under arrangements that will be made by the Government of Bengal. Intending pilgrims who have completed the ten days' observation period and are certified to be free from infection, will be sent to Karachi or Raniganj, as the case may be, as soon as information is received by the Government of the North-Western Provinces and Oudh from Sind or Bengal that the authorities are ready to take them over. This will of course depend on the number of ships available and on the date on which they sail. Pilgrims must be despatched from the provincial camp by special train and under the charge of a responsible officer. It will be necessary to communicate with the political authorities in Native States with regard to the reception of pilgrims from those States in the provincial observation camp. Passage tickets to the Hedjaz may be sold only at the observation camps, and I am to request that the necessary steps may be taken to enforce this order and, in communication with the Governments of Bombay and Bengal, make it known to shipping agents and pilgrim-brokers.

* [In the case of Rajputana and Central India.]

4. I am to request that a place for the observation camp may be selected at once, that arrangements may be made as quickly as possible to give effect to the instructions contained in this letter, and that the arrangements may be communicated to the Government of India and to the Governments of Bombay and Bengal. Arrangements should be made in communication with the Governments of Bombay and Bengal for supplying a periodical statement of the number of persons in the provincial camp destined for Karachi or Raniganj, and the period of observation they have completed, and for despatching pilgrims from the provincial camp to Karachi or the Raniganj camp as the case may be.

BENGAL POLICE.

PILGRIMAGE TO MECCA.

NOTICE TO INTENDING PILGRIMS.

THE Government of India, while desirous of impressing upon intending pilgrims that they would be well advised in deferring their purpose until another season, in view of the stringent quarantine rules imposed by the Turkish Government and the inconvenience to which it is likely they will be subjected on arriving in Arabia, have decided to permit the pilgrimage to the Hedjaz, subject to certain conditions.

1st.—No person coming from the eastern portion of the North-Western Provinces, from Assam or Bengal shall be permitted to embark with the object of making a pilgrimage to Mecca, except at the port of Chittagong.

2nd.—All persons coming from Assam and Bengal shall proceed to Raniganj, avoiding Calcutta, and shall at Raniganj be received into a camp, where they will remain for a period of 10 days, or until a steamer is ready for their reception at Chittagong. At the Raniganj camp the pilgrims will be fed at the cost of Government.

3rd.—No person will be admitted to the Raniganj camp who has not with him or her at least 200 rupees, the smallest amount needed to cover the cost of the journey to Jeddah and back.

4th.—The rates of passage-money to be charged by the Steamer Companies have not yet been settled finally, but it must be understood that only children under 3 years of age will proceed free, children between 3 and 12 being charged half fares.

5th.—Tickets for the steamer journey must be purchased at Raniganj, and on leaving the camp pilgrims holding these tickets will be given certificates that they have undergone 10 days' quarantine and are free from all suspicion of infection.

6th.—Intending pilgrims may not bring with them food for the journey, as the Steamer Companies will be required to keep a stock of all necessary articles of food and to sell them at rates which have been authoritatively approved.

7th.—As a special concession the Government has been pleased to decide that pilgrims who have undergone the full period of residence at the Raniganj camp will be carried free of cost to Chittagong.

8th.—The camp will be ready on 23rd December 1897.

E. R. HENRY, I.C.S.

CALCUTTA,

The 30th November 1897.

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Statement showing the Stocks of Rice in and around Calcutta during November 1897.

M. FINUCANE,

Secy. to the Govt. of Bengal.

NAMES OF MARTS.	Stock in hand as compiled on—								
	5th week of Nov. 1896. Mds.	2nd week of Oct. 1897. Mds.	3rd week of Oct. 1897. Mds.	4th week of Oct. 1897. Mds.	1st week of Nov. 1897. Mds.	2nd week of Nov. 1897. Mds.	3rd week of Nov. 1897. Mds.	4th week of Nov. 1897. Mds.	5th week of Nov. 1897. Mds.
Baliaghatta	1,48,000	1,14,300	1,20,500	1,28,500	94,700	1,02,500	1,13,500	1,21,500	80,000
Ultadanga	26,200	12,200	12,600	14,600	12,800	11,800	13,500	14,050	11,300
Chitpur, Golabari, Kumartuly, Hathhola, and Culpi Ghat...	3,39,400	1,22,100	1,23,500	1,24,700	1,06,000	1,12,600	1,19,700	1,23,000	97,900
Pathuriaghatta, Posta, and Jorabagan	1,000	840	780	940	1,250	1,450	1,600	1,700	1,300
Tollygunge, Chetla, Kidderpore, and Munshiganj	53,400	73,600	63,700	57,800	45,700	54,600	46,900	53,200	51,100
Minor bazars (1)	2,40,000	2,40,000	2,40,000	2,40,000	2,40,000	2,40,000	2,40,000	2,40,000	2,40,000
Other retail shops (1)	2,50,000	2,50,000	2,50,000	2,50,000	2,50,000	2,50,000	2,50,000	2,50,000	2,50,000
Ramkrishnapur	74,600	36,900	38,200	42,900	29,300	33,300	35,500	40,900	36,800
Baidyabati, Nawabganj, Bhadres- war, and Chandernagore†	37,784	2,956	4,204	210	3,178	3,622	1,747	2,800	1,400
Total	11,70,384	8,52,696	8,43,484	8,59,650	7,82,928	8,09,372	8,22,447	8,47,150	7,69,800
On Railway premises on both sides of the river.‡	6,848 (on 28th Nov. 1896).	7,623 (on 9th Oct. 1897.)	22,551 (on 16th Oct. 1897.)	55,261 (on 23rd Oct. 1897.)	85,743 (on 30th Oct. 1897).	68,494 (on 6th Nov. 1897).	92,515 (on 13th Nov. 1897).	75,787 (on 20th Nov. 1897).	48,987 (on 27th Nov. 1897).
On boats not yet unloaded— By Port Commissioners' returns	12,454 to 30th Nov. 1896).	40,372 (9th to 11th Oct. 1897.)	24,154 (16th to 18th Oct. 1897.)	24,044 (23rd to 25th Oct. 1897.)	25,203 (30th Oct. to 1st Nov. 1897).	37,366 (6th to 8th Nov. 1897).	31,473 (13th to 15th Nov. 1897.)	27,015 (20th to 22nd Nov. 1897.)	33,033 (27th to 29th Nov. 1897.)
By Canal returns	9,769 (28th to 30th Nov. 1896).	9,726 (9th to 11th Oct. 1897.)	9,570 (16th to 18th Oct. 1897.)	5,050 (23rd to 25th Oct. 1897.)	7,128 (30th Oct. to 1st Nov. 1897).	7,046 (6th to 8th Nov. 1897).	6,323 (13th to 15th Nov. 1897.)	14,100 (20th to 22nd Nov. 1897.)	5,900 (27th to 29th Nov. 1897.)
Grand Total of Stocks	11,99,455	9,10,417	8,99,763	9,44,005	9,01,002	9,22,778	9,52,758	9,64,052	8,57,720

† This part is in the Harwar District.

* This mart is in the Howrah district, and the figures have been obtained by local enquiry.
† Figures furnished by the Collector of Hooghly.
‡ Ditto by the Railway authorities.
(1) Estimated as a constant quantity.

STATISTICAL DEPARTMENT,
The 30th November 1897.

M. FINUCANE,
Secretary to the Government of Bengal.

STATISTICS OF THE SEA-BORNE TRAFFIC OF CALCUTTA IN FOOD-GRAINS.

No. 322½ Statistics.—The following memorandum and statements are published for general information.

STATISTICAL DEPARTMENT,
The 30th November 1897.

M. FINUCANE,
Secy. to the Govt. of Bengal.

Memorandum.

The sea-borne import and export traffic of Calcutta in food-grains during the week ending 14th November 1896 and the corresponding period of 1897 is shown in the following statement:—

		8TH TO 14TH NOVEMBER			
		1896.		1897.	
1		2	3	4	5
<i>Imports.</i>		Owts.	Mds.	Owts.	Mds.
From Foreign Ports	...	.....	.....	2,559	3,483
" Indian "	...	85,054	1,15,768	56,433	77,492
Total	...	85,054	1,15,768	59,492	80,975
<i>Exports.</i>					
To Foreign Ports	...	62,508	85,080	25,620	34,872
" Indian "	...	7,264	9,887	14,919	20,306
Total	...	69,772	94,967	40,539	55,178

Imports.—The staples comprising the import traffic are shown in the table below, and the figures for the period are compared with those for the corresponding period of last year:—

		8TH TO 14TH NOVEMBER			
		1896.		1897.	
1		2	3	4	5
<i>Food-grains.</i>		Owts.	Mds.	Owts.	Mds.
Rice	...	47,688	64,909	41,955	57,105
Paddy	...	8,682	11,817	6,205	8,446
Wheat	...	6,814	9,275	.....	.....
Gram and pulses	...	18,317	24,931	8,778	11,948
Other food-grains, such as jowar, barley, oats, &c.	...	8,553	4,836	2,554	3,476
Total	...	85,054	1,15,768	59,492	80,975

Imports.—During the period under report, the imports of rice amounted to 41,955 cwts., against 47,688 cwts. in the week ending 14th November 1896. The amount imported from Burma was 32,186 cwts., against only 2,957 cwts. in the second week of November 1896, and that imported from Chandbali and Balasore 9,764 cwts., against 44,608 cwts. in the corresponding period of last year. Imports of paddy fell from 8,682 cwts. to 6,205 cwts., owing to the receipt of smaller consignments from Chandbali. The decrease under the head of gram and pulses amounted to 9,539 cwts., the amount imported from the Madras ports being only 5,760 cwts., against 9,771 cwts., and that from Chandbali 454 cwts., against 8,318 cwts. in the corresponding period of 1896. Imports of miscellaneous food-grains from Ports Victoria and Natal aggregated 2,554 cwts., against nil in the second week of November 1896.

Exports.—In the following statement the total quantity of each kind of food-grain exported by sea during the second week of November 1897 is compared with that for the corresponding period of 1896 :—

	8TH TO 14TH NOVEMBER			
	1896.		1897.	
1	2	3	4	5
<i>Food-grains.</i>	<i>Cwts.</i>	<i>Mds.</i>	<i>Cwts.</i>	<i>Mds.</i>
Rice	60,835	84,803	33,075	45,019
Paddy ... ..	...	...	872	1,187
Wheat	125	170	360	490
Gram and pulses	8,927	10,928	4,684	6,375
Other food-grains, such as jowar, barley, oats, &c.	785	1,068	1,548	2,107
Total ...	69,772	94,967	40,539	55,178

The exports of rice from Calcutta to foreign ports declined from 58,984 cwts. in the second week of November 1896 to 24,602 cwts. in the period under report. There were no exports to Cape Colony, the East Coast of Africa, Muscat, or Natal, which countries took 9,709 cwts. in the corresponding period of last year. The despatches to Ceylon showed a decrease of 20,727 cwts., and those to the United Kingdom of 3,782 cwts. The exports of gram and pulses fell from 3,368 cwts. to 753 cwts., in consequence of the despatches to Ceylon having decreased from 2,448 cwts. to 167 cwts. during the second week of November 1896.

As regards Indian ports, the exports of rice during the second week of November 1897 amounted to 8,473 cwts., against only 1,851 cwts. in the corresponding period of last year, owing chiefly to larger exports to Bombay, and to shipments to Calicut and Cochin, which took 4,178 cwts. against nil in the corresponding week of 1896. The fluctuations under other heads are unimportant.

Detailed statements showing the sources of supply and the places of destination, both as regards Foreign and Indian ports, are given below:—

Statement No. I, showing the Imports of Food-grains into Calcutta from Foreign and Indian Ports during the week ending 14th November 1896 and 1897.

Ports.				Rice.	Paddy.	Wheat.	Gram and pulse.	Other food-grains, such as jowar, barley, oats, &c.	Total.
1				2	3	4	5	6	7
<i>From Indian Ports.</i>				<i>Cwts.</i>	<i>Cwts.</i>	<i>Cwts.</i>	<i>Cwts.</i>	<i>Cwts.</i>	<i>Cwts.</i>
Bombay	...	...	{ 1896 ...	.....	.....	6,760	.....	3,918	10,078
			{ 1897 ...	.....	.....	.....	8	.....	8
Madras	{ Madras	...	{ 1896 ...	.....	.....	.....	3,043	240	3,283
			{ 1897 ...	.....	.....	.....	358	.....	358
	{ Bimlipatam	..	{ 1896 ...	.....	.....	.....	511	.....	511
			{ 1897 ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	{ Calingapatam	...	{ 1896 ...	.....	.....	.....	44	.....	44
			{ 1897 ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	{ Cocoonada	...	{ 1896 ...	123	...	54	6,078	...	6,255
			{ 1897 ...	.....	.....	...	4,235	.....	4,235
	{ Gopalpur	...	{ 1896 ...	.....	.....	.....	95	.....	95
			{ 1897 ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	{ Masulipatam	...	{ 1896 ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
			{ 1897 ...	.....	.....	.....	1,167	.....	1,167
Burma	{ Rangoon	...	{ 1896 ...	2,957	.....	.....	155	.....	3,112
			{ 1897 ...	25,297	.....	.....	2,561	.....	27,858
	{ Moulmein	...	{ 1896 ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
			{ 1897 ...	6,889	.....	.....	.....	.....	6,889
Balasore	{ Balasore	...	{ 1896 ...	4,205	642	.....	78	.....	4,920
			{ 1897 ...	2,708	2,188	.....	.....	.....	4,891
	{ Chandbali	...	{ 1896 ...	40,408	8,040	.....	8,318	.....	56,761
			{ 1897 ...	7,061	4,017	.....	454	.....	11,532
Total Indian Ports			{ 1896 ...	47,688	8,682	6,814	18,317	3,553	85,064
			{ 1897 ...	41,950	6,205	.....	8,778	.....	56,933
<i>From Foreign Ports.</i>									
Natal	...	...	{ 1896 ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
			{ 1897 ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	671	671
China—Hong-Kong	...	...	{ 1896 ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
			{ 1897 ...	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
Straits Settlements	...	...	{ 1896 ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
			{ 1897 ...	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	4
Victoria	...	...	{ 1896 ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
			{ 1897 ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,983	1,983
Total Foreign Ports			{ 1896 ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
			{ 1897 ...	5	.....	.....	.....	2,554	2,559
GRAND TOTAL OF FOREIGN AND INDIAN PORTS			{ 1896 ...	47,688	8,682	6,814	18,317	3,553	85,064
			{ 1897 ...	41,955	6,205	.....	8,778	2,554	59,498

Statement No. II, showing the Exports of Food-grains from Calcutta to Foreign and Indian Ports during the week ending 14th November 1896 and 1897.

Ports.			Rice.	Paddy.	Wheat.	Gram and pulse.	Other food-grains, such as jowar, barley, oats, &c.	Total.
1			2	3	4	5	6	7
<i>To Foreign Ports.</i>			Cwts.	Cwts.	Cwts.	Cwts.	Cwts.	Cwts.
United Kingdom	...	{ 1896 ... 1897 ...	4,508 736	..... .....	..... .....	369 147	..... .....	4,877 878
Cape Colony	Cape Town	{ 1896 ... 1897 ...	1,107 .....	..... .....	..... .....	..... .....	..... .....	1,107
	Port Elizabeth	{ 1896 ... 1897 ...	886 .....	..... .....	..... .....	..... .....	..... .....	886
	East London	{ 1896 ... 1897 ...	223 .....	..... .....	..... .....	..... .....	..... .....	223
	Algoa Bay	{ 1896 ... 1897 ...	2,359 .....	..... .....	..... .....	..... .....	..... .....	2,359
	Mossel Bay	{ 1896 ... 1897 ...	443 .....	..... .....	..... .....	..... .....	..... .....	443
	Eastern Coast of Africa—Other ports	{ 1896 ... 1897 ...	731 .....	..... .....	..... .....	..... .....	..... .....	731
Natal	...	{ 1896 ... 1897 ...	1,780 .....	..... .....	..... .....	92 .....	..... .....	1,872
Arabia—Mascot	...	{ 1896 ... 1897 ...	2,180 .....	..... .....	..... .....	..... .....	..... .....	2,180
Ceylon	...	{ 1896 ... 1897 ...	44,592 23,865	..... .....	..... .....	2,448 167	..... .....	47,040 24,032
China—Hong-Kong	...	{ 1896 ... 1897 ...	38 9	..... .....	44 165	6 .....	..... .....	88 174
Straits Settlements	...	{ 1896 ... 1897 ...	137 2	..... .....	78 49	448 439	44 51	702 541
Total Foreign Ports			{ 1896 ... 1897 ...	..... .....	117 214	3,363 753	44 51	62,508 25,620

Ports.				Rice.	Paddy.	Wheat.	Gram and pulse.	Other food-grains, such as jowar, barley, oats, &c.	Total.	
1				2	3	4	5	6	7	
To Indian Ports.				Cwts.	Cwts.	Cwts.	Cwts.	Cwts.	Cwts.	
Bombay	...	...	{ 1896 ... 1897 ...	1,154 3,885	... 22	... ...	546 44	... 80	1,700 3,981	
	{ Madras	...	{ 1896 ... 1897 ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	2,337 239	... ...	2,337 239	
		{ Calingapatam	...	{ 1896 ... 1897 ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	3	...	3
{ Calicut			...	{ 1896 ... 1897 ...	... 1,002	... ...	... ...	...	...	1,002
	{ Coconada		...	{ 1896 ... 1897 ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	106	...	106
		{ Cochin	...	{ 1896 ... 1897 ...	... 3,176	... 850	... 73	... ...	... ...	4,099
{ Negapatam			...	{ 1896 ... 1897 ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	147	...	147
	{ Vizagapatam		...	{ 1896 ... 1897 ...	... ...	... ...	... 41	82 30	... ...	82 74
		{ Rangoon	...	{ 1896 ... 1897 ...	242 407	... ...	... ...	1,169 3,698	733 1,467	2,144 4,572
{ Akyab			...	{ 1896 ... 1897 ...	7 3	... ...	... ...	77 73	8 ...	92 76
	{ KyouKpyu		...	{ 1896 ... 1897 ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	4 1	... ...	4 1
		{ Moulmein	...	{ 1896 ... 1897 ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	59	...	59
{ Sandoway			...	{ 1896 ... 1897 ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	13 6	... ...	13 6
	Chittagong		...	{ 1896 ... 1897 ...	81 ...	... ...	... 9	230 527	... ...	311 636
		{ Balasore...	...	{ 1896 ... 1897 ...	367 ...	... ...	... ...	100 15	... ...	467 15
{ Chandbali	...		{ 1896 ... 1897 ...	... ...	... ...	8 20	47 37	... ...	55 57	
	Port Blair		...	{ 1896 ... 1897 ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	7	...	7
Total Indian Ports				{ 1896 ... 1897 ...	1,851 8,473	... 872	8 146	4,664 3,931	741 1,497	7,204 14,919
GRAND TOTAL OF FOREIGN AND INDIAN PORTS.				{ 1896 ... 1897 ...	60,835 33,075	... 872	125 360	8,027 4,684	785 1,548	69,772 40,639

STATISTICS OF THE SEA-BORNE TRAFFIC OF THE MINOR PORTS
IN BENGAL IN FOOD-GRAINS.

No. 3201 Statistics.—The following memorandum and statements are published for general information.

STATISTICAL DEPT.,
The 30th November 1897.

M. FINUCANE,
Secy. to the Govt. of Bengal.

Memorandum.

The comparative statements below give statistics of the import and export trade of the minor ports of Chittagong, Narayanganj, Balasore (including both Balasore and Chandbali), Outtaek, and Puri during the week ending 14th November 1897, as compared with the trade of the corresponding period of 1896 :—

IMPORTS.

Ports.			From Foreign ports.	From Indian ports.	Total.	
			Cwts.	Cwts.	Cwts.	Mds.
Chittagong ...	{ 1896	...	.....	462	462	629
	{ 1897	...	.....	12,204	12,204	16,611
Narayanganj ...	{ 1896	...	.....	.....	.....	.....
	{ 1897	...	.....	.....	.....	.....
Balasore ports...	{ 1896	...	.....	135	135	184
	{ 1897	...	.....	195	195	265
Outtaek ...	{ 1896	...	.....	.....	.....	.....
	{ 1897	...	.....	.....	.....	.....
Puri ...	{ 1896	...	.....	.....	.....	.....
	{ 1897	...	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total ...			.....	597	597	813
			.....	12,399	12,399	16,876

EXPORTS.

Ports.			To Foreign ports.	To India ports.	Total.	
			Cwts.	Cwts.	Cwts.	Mds.
Chittagong ...	{ 1896	...	.....	746	746	1,015
	{ 1897	...	.....	3	3	4
Narayanganj ...	{ 1896	...	.....	132	132	180
	{ 1897	...	.....	.....	.....	.....
Balasore ports...	{ 1896	...	.....	29,709	29,709	40,437
	{ 1897	...	.....	5,788	5,788	7,878
Outtaek ...	{ 1896	...	.....	.....	.....	.....
	{ 1897	...	.....	482	482	656
Puri ...	{ 1896	...	1,756	...	1,756	2,390
	{ 1897	...	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total ...			1,756	30,587	32,343	44,022
			.....	6,273	6,273	8,538

The imports of rice into Chittagong during the week under report amounted to 12,131 cwts., the whole of which came from Burma against nil in the week ending 14th November 1896; while the export trade declined by 743 cwts. there having been no shipments of paddy to Calcutta. The export trade of the Balasore ports also fell off by 23,921 cwts. on account of smaller despatches of rice, paddy, and gram and pulses to Calcutta. False Point despatched 482 cwts. of rice to Madras, against nil during the corresponding week of the last year. Colombo, which received 1,756 cwts. of rice from Puri during the week ending 14th November 1896, drew nothing in the period now under review.

Detailed statements showing the sources of supply and the places of destination, both as regards Foreign and Indian ports, are given below:—

Statement showing the quantities of Food-grains imported into Chittagong from each Foreign and Indian Port during the week ending 14th November 1897, as compared with the trade of the corresponding period of 1896.

PORTS FROM WHICH IMPORTED.	Rice.		Paddy.		Wheat.		Gram and pulse.		Other food-grains, such as jowar, barley, oats, &c.		TOTAL.	
	1896.	1897.	1896.	1897.	1896.	1897.	1896.	1897.	1896.	1897.	1896.	1897.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
<i>Foreign Ports.</i>	Cwts.	Cwts.	Cwts.	Cwts.	Cwts.	Cwts.	Cwts.	Cwts.	Cwts.	Cwts.	Cwts.	Cwts.
Nil	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
<i>Indian Ports.</i>												
Burma—Rangoon	...	12,131	...	...	...	...	285	16	177	7	463	12,138
Calcutta	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	...	12,131	...	...	...	...	285	16	177	57	463	12,204

Statement showing the quantities of Food-grains exported from Chittagong to each Foreign and Indian Port during the week ending 14th November 1897, as compared with the trade of the corresponding period of 1896.

PORTS TO WHICH EXPORTED.	Rice.		Paddy.		Wheat.		Gram and pulse.		Other food-grains, such as jowar, barley, oats, &c.		TOTAL.	
	1896.	1897.	1896.	1897.	1896.	1897.	1896.	1897.	1896.	1897.	1896.	1897.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
<i>Foreign Ports.</i>	Cwts.	Cwts.	Cwts.	Cwts.	Cwts.	Cwts.	Cwts.	Cwts.	Cwts.	Cwts.	Cwts.	Cwts.
Nil	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
<i>Indian Ports.</i>												
Burma—Akyab	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	3
Calcutta	...	...	746	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	746	...
Total	...	...	746	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	746	3

Statement showing the quantities of Food-grains exported from Narayanganj to each Foreign and Indian Port during the week ending 14th November 1897, as compared with the trade of the corresponding period of 1896.

PORTS TO WHICH EXPORTED.	Rice.		Paddy.		Wheat.		Gram and pulse.		Other food-grains, such as jowar, barley, oats, &c.		TOTAL.	
	1896.	1897.	1896.	1897.	1896.	1897.	1896.	1897.	1896.	1897.	1896.	1897.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
<i>Foreign Ports.</i>	Cwts.	Cwts.	Cwts.	Cwts.	Cwts.	Cwts.	Cwts.	Cwts.	Cwts.	Cwts.	Cwts.	Cwts.
Nil	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
<i>Indian Port.</i>												
Chittagong	...	...	...	...	...	...	123	...	...	...	123	...
Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	123	...	...	...	123	...

Statement showing the quantities of Food-grains exported from Puri to each Foreign and Indian Port during the week ending 14th November 1897, as compared with the trade of the corresponding period of 1896.

PORTS TO WHICH EXPORTED.	Rice.		Paddy.		Wheat.		Gram and pulse.		Other food-grains, such as jowar, barley, oats, &c.		Total.	
	1896.	1897.	1896.	1897.	1896.	1897.	1896.	1897.	1896.	1897.	1896.	1897.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
<i>Foreign Port.</i>	Cwts.	Cwts.	Cwts.	Cwts.	Cwts.	Cwts.	Cwts.	Cwts.	Cwts.	Cwts.	Cwts.	Cwts.
Colombo	1,756										1,756	
<i>Indian Port.</i>												
Nil												
Total	1,756										1,756	

EXPORTS OF FOOD-GRAINS BY THE EAST INDIAN RAILWAY.

No. 3219 Statistics.—The following statement shows the quantity of rice and other food-grains exported by the East Indian Railway from Calcutta and Howrah during the period from 1st January to 20th November 1897, both days inclusive, to have been 1,02,90,870 maunds. The destination of 1,00,79,406 maunds is specified. Of this quantity 32,83,208 maunds were carried to the North-Western Provinces and Oudh, 44,40,982 maunds to stations in Bengal, 15,47,095 maunds to the Central Provinces, and the rest, 8,08,121 maunds to other provinces. In the last week of the period, 11,325 maunds were exported to the North-Western Provinces and Oudh, and 8,489 maunds to Bihar.

STATISTICAL DEPARTMENT,
The 30th November 1897.

M. FINUCANE,
Secy. to the Govt. of Bengal.

Statement showing the quantities of rice and other food-grains exported from Howrah and Calcutta (Chitpur Kidderpore Docks, and Port Trust Railway) by the East Indian Railway, from 1st January to 20th November 1897.

STATION TO WHICH CONSIGNED.	Total from 1st January to 30th June 1897.	Total from 1st to 31st July 1897.	Total from 1st to 28th August 1897.	Total from 29th August to 25th Septem- ber 1897.	Total from 26th Septem- ber to 30th Octo- ber 1897.	Week ending 6th November 1897.	Week ending 13th Novem- ber 1897.	Week ending 20th Novem- ber 1897.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
BENGAL.								
<i>Hooghly.</i>								
	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.
Hooghly ...	...	...	...	339	...	...	...	...
Tarakeswar ...	2,122	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Chandernagore ...	109	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Dasghora ...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pandua ...	14	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bainchi ...	17	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bhadreswar ...	664	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	2,928	...	...	339	...	...	...	...
<i>Burdwan.</i>								
Memari ...	163	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rasulpur ...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Burdwan ...	1,094	...	889	232	102	40	...	...
Raniganj ...	9,653	3,972	1,572	2,143	1,168	101	216	...
Sitarampur ...	10	...	...	...	...	...	1,546	813
Ghuskara ...	103	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Kanu Junction ...	349	...	...	...	5	...	...	...
Mankar ...	...	99	61	...	...	...	...	...
Asansol ...	...	...	523	...	22	...	...	...
Total ...	11,376	4,071	2,545	2,375	1,297	141	1,762	813
<i>Birbhum.</i>								
Mururai ...	378	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bolpur ...	2	101	1,261	159	...	...	...	...
Saintbia ...	1	...	103	143	199	...	...	...
Rampur Hât ...	683	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ahmadpur ...	302	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	1,366	101	1,364	302	199	...	...	...
<i>Nadia.</i>								
Mirpur ...	7,213	965	...	...	...	...	...	...
Chuadanga ...	3,998	3,670	378	...	...	...	...	...
Kushtia ...	17,613	2,841	...	347	...	...	...	...
Alamdanga ...	5,275	2,202	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bhairamara ...	6,407	1,001	...	...	...	...	...	...
Damukdia ...	9,849	10,244	924	1,973	...	...	...	...
Bagula ...	3,819	849	...	...	...	...	...	...
Kumarkhali ...	3,236	378	...	382	...	...	...	...
Khoksa ...	1,828	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	58,743	21,650	1,302	2,702	...	...	...	...
<i>Jessore.</i>								
Jessore ...	1,014	740	...	...	...	...	1,193	...
Singia ...	2,478	12,788	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	3,492	13,528	...	...	...	...	1,193	...
<i>Murshidabad.</i>								
Azimganj ...	6,277	3,018	1,929	761	...	...	...	...
Jiaganj ...	1,930	3,770	1,503	383	122
Dhulian	747	2,638
Jangipur	378	377
Total ...	8,207	7,913	6,447	1,144	122

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
BENGAL— contd.								
<i>Rajshahi.</i>	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.
Malanchi ...	1,418	529	...	152	1,095
Atrai ...	...	...	2,088	928	2,847	...	...	...
Raninagar ...	...	...	1,054	...	...	...	...	...
Nator ...	...	...	189	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	1,418	529	3,326	1,075	3,442	...	...	...
<i>Dinajpur.</i>								
Dinajpur ...	878	2,417	343	...	399	...	...	...
<i>Rangpur.</i>								
Saidpur ...	767	829	...	...	...	...	...	...
Kurigram ...	109	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Lalmonir Hât ...	55	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Domer ...	685	100	...	228	525	...	...	...
Kaunia ...	873	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Kaliganj ...	770	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mogal Hât ...	...	...	...	120	...	...	...	...
Total ...	2,759	929	...	348	525	...	...	...
Cooch Behar ...	20,763	378	754	304	895	...	...	...
<i>Jalpaiguri.</i>								
Chilahati ...	...	...	...	374	...	...	...	...
Dam-Dim ...	...	100	...	...	207	...	...	...
Mandalghat ...	400	300	...	208	100	101	...	...
Haldibari ...	3,037	628	339	408	285	101	...	...
Jalpaiguri ...	25,224	13,448	1,820	6,477	7,297	583	...	...
Ramshai Hât ...	4,493	376	749	875	304	...	...	...
Mal Bazar ...	2,809	228	100	101	...	...	...	...
Belakoba ...	101	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Chalsa Road Ghat ...	...	1,511	1,431	2,719	3,828	...	...	...
Total ...	36,064	16,586	4,439	10,652	11,971	735	...	...
<i>Darjeeling.</i>								
Sonada ...	522	2,038	215	102	875	252	1,166	418
Siliguri ...	5,395	7,067	1,724	3,691	8,493	1,722	1,125	101
Ghoom ...	2,611	2,631	349	1,172	1,858	873	766	518
Darjeeling ...	2,931	4,684	1,914	2,140	3,105	867	1,630	480
Kurseong ...	4,493	7,037	750	2,846	3,667	1,015	525	104
Rangtang ...	383	...	...	...	225	...	152	...
Gyabari ...	...	380	380	...	...	...	101	...
Mahanadi ...	...	...	386	...	478	305	101	...
Total ...	16,335	23,837	5,718	9,951	18,696	5,034	5,566	1,021
<i>Bogra.</i>								
Akelpur ...	...	2,855	2,118	1,268	1,358	...	...	...
Jaipur Hât ...	...	4,482	1,174	629	2,463	...	...	...
Jamalganj ...	...	2,072	100	408	919	...	123	111
Hili ...	...	180	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sultanpur ...	...	...	4,098	1,939	12,991	120	2,213	131
Total ...	...	9,539	7,490	4,244	17,731	120	2,341	242
<i>Pabna.</i>								
Sirajganj ...	6,295	...	760	1,146	345
<i>Dacca.</i>								
Munshiganj	1,591
Dacca ...	380
Narayanganj	131
Total ...	380	1,591	...	131

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
BENGAL— conold.								
<i>Faridpur.</i>	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.
Pangsa ...	7,257	1,769	470	882	431
Rajbari ...	7,571	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Goalundo ...	11,414	2,300	2,532	1,814	...	...	...	...
Pachuria ...	1,374	877	...	2,986	...	...	...	...
Total ...	27,616	4,446	3,002	5,182	431	...	...	...
<i>Backergunge.</i>								
Jhalokati ...	...	...	...	2,928	...	...	...	...
<i>Khulna.</i>								
Phultala ...	360	541	754	...	...	...	...	...
Nawapara ...	...	...	200	...	...	...	...	...
Khulna ...	...	...	...	103	...	...	...	...
Total ...	360	541	954	103	...	...	...	...
TOTAL OF BENGAL	1,98,470	1,08,056	38,444	42,921	56,053	6,030	10,862	2,176
CHOTA NAG- PUR.								
<i>Hazaribagh.</i>								
Giridih ...	16,434	5,681	1,116	107	402	...	...	...
<i>Manbhum.</i>								
Parulia ...	2,972	3,602	1,466	1,450	...	...	...	230
Bulrampur ...	722	1,591	...	...	...	...	...	...
Barakar ...	156	482	371	...	...	...	...	...
Pradhan Khanta ...	2,377	762	2,453	191	...	...	...	...
Katrasgarh ...	101	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Anara ...	...	...	138	...	...	...	...	...
Adra ...	...	...	126	...	...	...	...	...
Kalubathan ...	...	...	762	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	6,328	6,437	5,316	1,641	...	...	...	230
<i>Singbhum.</i>								
Chakradharpur ...	31	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	31	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
TOTAL OF CHOTA NAGPUR	22,793	12,118	6,432	1,748	402	...	...	230
BIHAR.								
<i>Sonthal Parganas.</i>								
Barharwa ...	7,097	6,838	5,368	...	...	...	...	...
Maharajpur Ghat ...	1,129	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pakour ...	3,011	1,890	6,465	...	...	...	...	...
Sahibganj ...	48,325	13,427	11,239	151	...	...	...	...
Baidyanath ...	11,724	3,891	1,473	...	...	...	...	...
Madhupur ...	2,045	...	1,077	...	88	...	...	...
Rajmahal ...	1,205	1,919	2,288	...	...	...	...	...
Tinpahar ...	...	1,868	2,296	...	...	...	...	...
Kotal Pakour	1,527
Mihijam	381
Jamtara	381
Total ...	60,536	29,853	32,495	151	88

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
BIHAR—contd.								
<i>Purnea.</i>	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.
Kissenganj ...	379
Katihar Junction ...	4,509	371	...	...	...	...	...	...
Manihari ...	61	6	...	...	141	...	...	...
Sonali ...	346	751	...	...	...	...	...	...
Kasba ...	370	740	370	...	...	...	...	...
Other places ...	...	2,751	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	5,665	4,619	370	...	141	...	...	...
<i>Bhagalpur.</i>								
Nathnagar ...	5,339	1,532	1,134	...	...	...	...	...
Colgong ...	25,466	1,511	1,507	...	...	...	...	...
Pirpainti ...	13,947	6,048	762	...	...	...	...	...
Ghoga ...	2,248	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bhagalpur ...	66,546	19,769	10,343	1,141	1,591	...	...	...
Sultanganj ...	3,770	...	380	...	...	...	...	...
Raghupur ...	370	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pertabganj ...	374	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bhaptiahi ...	...	2,262	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	1,18,060	31,122	14,126	1,141	1,591	...	...	...
<i>Monghyr.</i>								
Bariarpur ...	382	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Khagaria ...	9,517	3,386	4,975	...	386	...	...	...
Jamalpur ...	1,521	1,120	3,040	...	380	...	...	...
Lakhisarai ...	24,529	2,473	6,626	1,026	1,522	379	...	...
Monghyr ...	6,448	2,639	4,149	1,124	380	...	...	...
Garhara ...	36,145	9,843	7,618	492	...	379	...	...
Tegra ...	9,825	6,940	3,051	...	760	...	...	...
Jamui ...	4,203	...	1,134	...	...	...	...	...
Begamsearai ...	371	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Burhi ...	3,031	3,768	3,384	975	...	...	101	...
Simultola ...	2,657	162	348	...	...	...	...	...
Nawadi ...	371	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Kajra ...	752	2,256	1,503	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	99,752	32,587	35,828	4,217	3,428	753	101	...
<i>Patna.</i>								
Masaurhi ...	375	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Khushrupur ...	23,700	12,558	6,822	2,381	...	...	...	...
Barh ...	18,905	9,109	6,409	3,025	4,166	380	376	...
Patna ...	1,97,224	38,104	43,290	33,993	53,046	9,541	5,216	3,462
Bankipore ...	3,372	4,920	2,647	4,975	4,570	759	...	...
Digha Ghat ...	49,331	18,339	10,657	9,596	14,078	1,900	376	380
Sadisapur ...	752	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bihra ...	3,602	4,211	10,244	4,566	2,332	379	...	...
Mokameh ...	23,469	14,484	11,363	4,664	3,048	755	385	822
Dinapur ...	7,823	1,128	880	...	...	...	...	...
Buktarpur ...	5,698	12,178	15,988	8,394	1,172	385	...	...
Fatua ...	3,817	1,896	3,037	3,473	1,902	...	376	...
Total ...	3,38,068	1,61,920	1,15,837	75,072	84,314	14,099	6,729	4,664
<i>Gaya.</i>								
Gaya ...	66,831	17,080	23,726	21,426	25,922	5,352	1,141	...
Jahanabad ...	2,621	5,723	8,705	6,153	2,315	...	...	...
Bela ...	373	...	...	...	374	...	...	...
Mukdumpur ...	371	...	380	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	69,696	22,803	37,811	27,579	28,611	5,352	1,141	...
<i>Shakabad.</i>								
Bedadi ...	8,091	763	...	...	1,541	...	...	...
Raghunathpur ...	11,340	1,508	4,938	1,896	3,053	...	...	...
Arrah ...	23,071	15,691	16,933	5,052	11,939	1,908	380	...
Buxar ...	27,935	18,157	24,676	23,304	23,685	1,146	2,672	756
Dumraon ...	7,910	1,510	3,022	2,268	3,457
Bihia	764	1,525	375	360
Total ...	78,347	37,629	50,333	34,045	44,050	3,434	3,053	756

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
BIHAR—consolid.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.
<i>Darbhanga.</i>								
Sakri ...	5,642	375	3,799	877
Tamaria ...	4,144	370	378	...	...	...	...	...
Samastipur ...	80,779	12,822	12,511	864	3,387	384	377	387
Dalsingh Sarai ...	39,098	14,717	14,115	1,515	2,287	...	379	380
Darbhanga ...	2,25,091	62,524	31,141	2,671	1,154	377	...	...
Kamtaul ...	1,857	3,435	1,540	...	...	...	...	...
Waini ...	4,543	1,141	381	...	...	...	...	...
Jhanjharpur ...	1,508	3,389	1,521	764	...	...	...	...
Total ...	3,62,662	98,773	65,386	6,191	6,828	761	756	767
<i>Muzaffarpur.</i>								
Janakpur Road ...	759	377	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sarai ...	1,874	757	1,511	...	...	...	...	...
Bairagnia ...	2,495	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Kanti ...	1,512	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Matipur ...	1,398	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Dholi ...	1,893	...	374	...	...	...	...	...
Muzaffarpur ...	2,11,741	42,034	29,249	4,169	5,332	764	748	...
Bhagwanpur ...	6,996	2,263	3,036	376	...	...	...	...
Sitamardi ...	57,756	21,033	4,229	370	...	...	...	...
Hajipur ...	22,362	7,659	12,585	4,187	3,052	766	...	...
Garnul ...	1,499	1,890	1,889	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	3,10,285	76,013	52,873	9,102	8,384	1,530	748	...
<i>Ohamparan.</i>								
Maesi ...	11,951	...	377	380	...	...	...	...
Segowli ...	9,694	1,127	380	...	...	...	...	...
Jindara ...	22,495	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bettiah ...	1,78,145	22,636	16,418	...	...	...	...	...
Bara ...	42,715	6,125	2,273	...	...	...	...	...
Motihari ...	86,241	12,445	3,003	...	...	...	...	...
Pipra ...	7,051	1,107	377	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	3,58,292	43,440	22,828	380	...	...	...	...
<i>Saran.</i>								
Dighwara ...	1,887	6,097	7,298	5,348	3,415	...	...	...
Ekma ...	12,775	9,428	8,688	1,893	8,448	...	...	764
Chapra ...	1,28,760	26,967	25,154	14,456	8,718	4,903	1,519	386
Goldenganj ...	373	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Daronda ...	34,771	9,041	4,887	764	...	...	...	...
Savan ...	1,67,919	46,099	24,558	19,815	3,421	...	379	1,152
Revelganj ...	1,11,822	33,297	26,739	10,272	3,772	4,186	749	...
Mairwa ...	747	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sonpur ...	...	...	...	...	380	383	...	...
Total ...	4,58,954	1,30,929	97,319	52,550	23,154	9,472	2,647	2,302
TOTAL OF BIHAR...	22,69,317	6,69,688	5,25,206	2,10,428	2,00,539	85,406	15,174	8,489
TOTAL OF PRO- VINCES UNDER THE LIEUTEN- ANT-GOVERNOR OF BENGAL.	24,90,580	7,89,862	5,70,082	2,55,097	2,56,994	41,436	26,036	10,895
ASSAM.								
<i>Oachor.</i>								
Silchar ...	347	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Seaitik	1,006	302
Total ...	347	1,006	302
<i>Nowgong.</i>								
Nowgong	380
Total of Assam ...	347	1,006	380	...	302

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
NORTH-WEST- ERN PROVINCES AND OUDH.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.
<i>Ghazipur District.</i>								
Dildarnagar ...	25,027	7,593	1,907	8,035	8,049	385	...	...
Guhmer ...	365	...	1,530	1,141	1,537	...	...	...
Tari Ghat ...	20,523	3,422	3,017	7,976	13,291	2,301	1,155	...
Ghazipur ...	...	757	...	754	382	...	...	...
Total ...	45,915	11,772	6,454	12,906	23,259	2,686	1,155	...
<i>Benares District.</i>								
Dhina ...	377	...	...	375	381	...	...	...
Shiupur ...	2,270	1,897	...	...	760	...	...	...
Zamania ...	38,357	3,445	2,657	2,657	7,896	...	...	...
Sakaldiha ...	4,160	...	378	...	752	...	...	...
Mogulsarai ...	2,405	...	...	...	377	...	...	...
Benares Cantonment	1,52,254	27,260	25,360	12,648	37,828	4,951	3,811	1,500
Total ...	2,00,823	32,602	28,395	15,680	47,994	4,951	3,811	1,500
<i>Gorakhpur District.</i>								
Bhagalpur Gogra ...	3,375	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Chauri Chaura ...	3,753	745	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tahsil Deoria ...	10,612	2,288	1,131	...	...	...	...	...
Gorakhpur ...	7,987	4,567	3,782	...	...	...	...	...
Sahjanwa ...	5,340	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bhatpur ...	30,110	4,535	3,383	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	61,177	12,135	8,301	...	...	...	...	...
<i>Basti District.</i>								
Khalilabad ...	1,126	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Basti ...	11,438	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Uska Bazar ...	4,144	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	16,708	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
<i>Gonda District.</i>								
Gonda ...	19,514	...	761	...	...	...	...	...
Other places ...	9,044	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	28,558	...	761	...	...	...	...	...
<i>Baraich District.</i>								
Naunara ...	1,895	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Baraich ...	4,894	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	6,789	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
<i>Mirzapur District.</i>								
Ahaura Road ...	22,227	4,501	2,667	125	755	390	...	...
Chunar ...	4,929	1,127	370	...	1,159	390	...	...
Mirzapur ...	84,654	7,960	17,413	768	7,578	387	...	...
Gainpura ...	3,045	748	380	...	769	...	...	...
Total ...	1,14,355	14,336	20,830	893	10,261	1,176	...	...
<i>Allahabad District.</i>								
Karchana ...	7,168	1,514	1,147	...	...	...	...	...
Naini ...	370	374	...	...	...	...	...	...
Manwari ...	2,631	350	...	...	...	...	...	...
Jasra ...	35,884	2,276	3,061	...	...	...	...	...
Mija Road ...	1,18,409	6,834	5,726	763	761	...	...	...
Nahwai ...	6,053	1,528	1,919	...	...	...	...	...
Allahabad ...	1,04,987	10,701	20,491	3,706	18,734	3,816	761	374
Bharwari ...	22,940	...	778	...	...	...	...	...
Sirathu ...	15,916	377	...	...	...	...	...	...
Shiurajpur ...	12,433	754	1,555
Other places ...	376
Total ...	1,17,162	24,708	34,677	4,559	14,495	3,816	761	374

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NORTH-WEST- ERN PROVINCES AND OUDH— contd.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.
<i>Fatehpur District.</i>								
Bahrampur ...	1,889	381	...	...	...	...	...	...
Khaga ...	4,512	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bindki ...	59,519	3,793	2,279	764	...	...	...	...
Fatehpur ...	773	108	1,143	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	66,728	4,277	3,422	764	...	...	...	...
<i>Cawnpore District.</i>								
Cawnpore City ...	3,78,602	6,044	15,338	1,515	6,135	386	...	2,274
<i>Etawah District.</i>								
Phaphund ...	10,999	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bharthna ...	766	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Etawah ...	46,658	1,148	370	...	381	...	...	...
Jasawantnagar ...	9,451	...	...	761	...	...	...	...
Total ...	67,874	1,148	370	761	381	...	...	...
<i>Farukhabad Dis- trict.</i>								
Fatehgarh ...	373	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Farukhabad ...	753	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Kanauj ...	381	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	1,507	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
<i>Mainpuri District.</i>								
Kaurara ...	6,443	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Shukohabad ...	6,497	751	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	12,940	751	...	...	...	...	...	...
<i>Agra District.</i>								
Firozabad ...	24,396	377	379	...	772	...	...	377
Agra ...	1,09,626	11,341	5,265	8,398	16,939	3,085	3,808	755
Barhan ...	260	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	1,34,282	11,718	5,648	8,398	17,711	3,085	3,808	1,132
<i>Sitapur District.</i>								
Sitapur ...	12,438	373	...	...	...	...	...	...
<i>Muttra District.</i>								
Kosi ...	1,564	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Muttra ...	11,371	753	753	382	1,155	1,524	...	...
Brindaban ...	696	...	...	...	...	885	...	...
Total ...	13,631	753	753	382	1,155	1,909	...	...
<i>Alighur District.</i>								
Hardnaganj ...	755	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sikandra Rao ...	753	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hatnass ...	82,104	9,427	1,784	1,153	12,285	1,511	2,268	1,503
Alighur ...	19,579	2,268	2,667	1,515	1,914	761	1,902	751
Total ...	1,03,191	11,695	4,451	2,668	14,199	2,272	4,170	2,254

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NORTH-WEST- ERN PROVINCES AND OUDH— contd.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.
<i>Bulandshahar Dis- trict.</i>								
Chola ...	1,504	...	381	...	...	...	...	...
Secundrabad ...	5,289	...	752	756	...	...	879	872
Khurja ...	30,346	...	2,264	2,661	...	...	...	768
Dibai ...	4,913	...	754	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	42,052	...	4,151	3,417	...	...	879	1,125
<i>Muzaffarnagar Dis- trict.</i>								
Muzaffarnagar ...	757	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
<i>Meerut District.</i>								
Ghaziabad ...	5,135	374	...	...	...	...	767	...
Meerut ...	42,541	1,150	765	883	376	381	879	759
Total ...	47,676	1,524	765	883	876	391	1,146	759
<i>Banda District.</i>								
Badanaa ...	4,530	...	375	...	...	...	...	...
Banda ...	37,553	3,902	4,934	753	1,916	762	374	...
Bargarh ...	11,332	784	391	...	...	...	...	...
Manikpur ...	7,919	1,142	1,178	...	...	...	...	...
Kurwi ...	43,218	...	1,129	...	...	384	...	...
Majhgawan ...	376	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	1,04,928	5,728	8,007	753	1,916	1,146	374	...
<i>Moradabad District.</i>								
Khanth ...	1,885	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Moradabad ...	11,699	...	381	...	...	...	...	...
Chundowai ...	21,796	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	35,380	...	381	...	...	...	...	...
<i>Azimgarh District</i>								
Shahganj ...	27,277	1,509	2,675	...	1,130	...	...	...
<i>Bareilly District.</i>								
Nawabganj ...	754	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Aonla ...	7,627	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bareilly ...	47,274	2,311	1,520	1,905	1,146	...	...	...
Total ...	55,655	2,311	1,520	1,905	1,146	...	...	...
<i>Jaunpur District.</i>								
Jaunpur ...	65,666	6,855	5,859	1,581	6,882	880	756	...
<i>Rajshahpur Dis- trict.</i>								
Rajshahpur ...	20,082	380	762	...	388	...	...	...
Tilhar ...	16,026
Anjhi ...	11,030	380	381
Rosa Junction ...	373
Total ...	47,511	760	1,143	...	388

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NORTH-WEST- ERN PROVINCES AND OUDH— contd.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.
<i>Eta District.</i>								
Jaleswar Road ...	880
Kashganj ...	4,140	...	881
Total ...	4,532	...	881
<i>Lucknow District.</i>								
Lucknow ...	1,02,370	8,044	4,186	7,840	1,916	2,284	771	1,138
Alamnagar ...	88,257	758	765	8,047	755	877	...	379
Kakori ...	8,020
Malihabad ...	754
Total ...	1,44,401	3,802	4,951	10,887	2,671	2,661	771	1,517
<i>Pilibhit District.</i>								
Pilibhit ...	1,516
<i>Saharanpur District.</i>								
Rurki ...	873
Saharanpur ...	15,033	881
Total ...	15,406	881
<i>Fyzabad District.</i>								
Sahwal ...	783
Radhauli ...	20,772
Fyzabad ...	72,070	8,787	7,621	1,188	2,662	881	2,318	...
Ajodhya ...	10,993
Goswanganj ...	8,788	374
Total ...	1,08,406	4,161	7,621	1,188	2,662	881	2,318	...
<i>Sultanpur District.</i>								
Akbarpur ...	9,786
<i>Bara Banki District.</i>								
Fahramghat ...	7,166	758
Duryabad ...	2,275
Bara Banki ...	14,417	769	381
Safdarganj ..	52,935	758	388
Total ...	76,793	2,285	388	...	881
<i>Hardai District.</i>								
Balawan ...	755
Hardai ...	21,828	874	881	376
Baghauli ...	14,899
Sandila ...	5,667
Total ...	42,649	874	881	376
<i>Bijnor District.</i>								
Bhampur ...	8,692
Nagina ..	9,081	1,181
Najibabad ...	10,568	709
Bijnor ...	2,618
Total ...	30,959	1,840
<i>Unao.</i>								
Unao	881

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NORTH-WEST- ERN PROVINCES AND OUDH— concl'd.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.
<i>Jhansi District.</i>								
Jhansi ...	6,425	1,582	875	888	1,919	1,140	...	...
<i>Lalitpur District.</i>								
Lalitpur ...	4,506	756	881	...	...	...	...	...
<i>Kheri District.</i>								
Lakshmipur ...	3,889	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
<i>Hamirpur District.</i>								
Mahoba ...	16,262	1,898	2,262	1,145	1,548	879	880	...
<i>Dehra Dun District.</i>								
Hardwar ...	878	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
<i>Jalaun District.</i>								
Ait ...	1,117	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Kalpi ...	1,878	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	2,090	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
<i>Garkwal District.</i>								
Haldwani ...	2,264	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other places ...	72,531	1,898	4,579	865	...	...	...	...
TOTAL OF THE NORTH-WEST- ERN PROVINCES AND OUDH.	26,53,270	1,69,550	1,75,243	70,690	1,56,174	27,182	19,824	11,325
PANJAB.								
<i>Amritsar District.</i>								
Amritsar ...	740	...	...	382	...	...	...	...
<i>Delhi District.</i>								
Delhi ...	2,31,956	11,335	14,105	24,694	14,123	4,241	8,388	5,820
<i>Jullundur District.</i>								
Jullundur City ...	8	...	...	886	...	...	...	...
<i>Umballa District.</i>								
Umballa City ...	17,868	140	...	...	...	...	...	...
<i>Gurgaon District.</i>								
Faraknagar ...	878	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Gurgaon ...	1,890	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rewari ...	64,441	1,188	3,773	2,249	4,852	...	828	788
Total ...	66,709	1,188	3,773	2,249	4,852	...	828	788
<i>Rawalpindi District.</i>								
Rawalpindi ...	...	...	1,878	1,125	...	...	...	...
Other places ...	96,050	1,901	18,782	1,549	5,744	...	1,186	2,604
TOTAL OF THE PANJAB.	4,18,321	14,509	33,533	80,885	24,219	4,241	10,847	8,772

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CENTRAL PRO- VINCES.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.
Sehora Road ...	20,160	6,077	5,691	2,284	381
Katni ...	66,879	10,590	8,014	8,411	6,143	...	...	...
Jubbulpur ...	1,95,098	6,835	22,379	3,788	7,674	769	384	3,098
Peparia ...	41,578	2,361	2,649	1,141	...	...	...	...
Kareli ...	37,846	9,146	3,829	1,908	781	...	...	...
Nagpur ...	78,979	21,248	33,464	10,829	11,671	376	4,974	5,775
Other places ...	5,80,702	1,16,171	1,19,291	42,248	39,834	1,538	8,086	7,070
Total ...	10,20,742	1,72,428	1,95,317	65,109	66,484	2,083	8,394	15,938
RAJPUTANA AND CENTRAL INDIA.								
Dholpur ...	1,126	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ajmere ...	759	753	881	379	...	...	...	...
Sutna ...	1,06,401	11,420	14,810	2,640	1,148	770	...	374
Mhow ...	2,838	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ulwar ...	5,713	377	...	385	...	760	...	...
Indore ...	1,506	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Jeypur ...	3,016	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bawal ...	755	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Harphulpur ...	4,807	880	880	760	...	...	551	...
Other places ...	18,718	5,758	1,528	378	378	...	...	...
Total ...	1,45,639	18,697	17,099	4,542	1,528	1,530	551	374
Hyderabad ...	1,156	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
BERAR.								
Badnera ...	383	...	...	402	1,145	...	379	...
Dhamangaon ...	2,934	1,062	...	382	...	...	...	...
Malkapur ...	433	385	...	379	...	...	...	...
Khamgaon ...	2,418	...	763	...	...	...	...	...
Akola ...	3,730	1,979	3,778	2,678	1,971	775	750	759
Amraoti ...	15,258	3,824	3,378	12,357	3,413	765	753	1,519
Shegaon ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	376
Total ...	25,156	7,250	12,919	16,198	6,529	1,540	1,882	2,654
Bombay ...	374	...	1,143	...	...	...	...	...
Unspecified places	1,12,220	2,640	3,197	3,167	1,239	375	459	367
GRAND TOTAL ...	68,62,805	11,75,942	10,08,913	4,45,188	5,13,467	78,937	67,493	50,325
ABSTRACT.								
Total of Bengal ...	1,98,470	1,08,056	38,444	42,921	56,053	6,030	10,862	2,176
" " Bihar ...	22,69,317	6,69,688	5,25,206	2,10,428	2,00,539	35,406	15,174	8,489
" " Chota Nag- pur.	22,793	12,118	6,432	1,748	402	...	...	230
Total of Assam ...	347	1,006	380	...	302	...	...	...
Total of the North Western Pro- vinces and Oudh.	26,53,270	1,69,550	1,75,243	70,690	1,56,174	27,132	19,824	11,325
Total of the Panjab	4,13,321	14,509	33,533	30,385	24,219	4,241	10,347	8,772
Total of Rajputana and Central India.	1,45,639	18,697	17,099	4,542	1,528	1,530	551	374
Total of Central Provinces.	10,20,742	1,72,428	1,95,317	65,109	66,484	2,083	8,394	15,938
Total of Hyderabad	1,156	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total of Berar ...	25,156	7,250	12,919	16,198	6,529	1,540	1,882	2,654
Total of Bombay ...	374	...	1,143	...	...	...	...	...
Total of Unspecified places.	1,12,220	2,640	3,197	3,167	1,239	375	459	367
Add exports from Calcutta from 1st to 30th January 1897, the details whereof are not available.	87,800	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
GRAND TOTAL ...	69,50,605	11,75,942	10,08,913	4,45,188	5,13,467	78,937	67,493	50,325

EXPORTS OF FOOD-GRAINS BY THE EASTERN BENGAL STATE
RAILWAY.

No. 3218 Statistics —The following statement shows the quantity of rice and other food-grains exported by the Eastern Bengal State Railway from Sealdah and Calcutta during the period from 1st January to 13th November 1897, both days inclusive, to have been 13,34,794 maunds. The destination of 13,80,512 maunds is specified. Of this quantity, 10,44,975 maunds were carried to stations in Bengal Proper, and 94,438 maunds to Bihar and Chota Nagpur, 45,911 maunds to the North-Western Provinces and Oudh, 1,37,255 maunds to Assam, and the rest (7,933 maunds) to other provinces.

STATISTICAL DEPARTMENT,

The 30th November 1897.

M. FINUCANE,

Secretary to the Govt. of Bengal.

Statement showing the quantities of rice and other food-grains exported from Sealdah and Calcutta (Port Trust Railway, Chitpur and Kidderpore Docks), by the Eastern Bengal State Railway, from 1st January to 13th November 1897.

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
BENGAL.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.
<i>24-Parganas.</i>							
Barrackpore ...	1,071	374
Shamnagar ...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...
Kankinara ...	302	...	...	...	1	...	...
Naihati ...	149	182	...	20	...	...	...
Kanchrapara ...	84	24	4	2	...	...	...
Duttapukur ...	84	...	...	...	16	...	...
Gobardanga ...	1,191	359	190	252	613	...	141
Akra Junction ...	9	...	...	...	...	...	...
Muslandpur ...	9	4	6	...	9	...	...
Mugra Ilāt ...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...
Guma ...	60	...	...	...	...	...	...
Budge-Budge ...	8	...	...	...	...	...	...
Dogachhia ...	8	...	...	...	...	...	...
Halbra ...	...	...	12	...	...	...	...
Baruipur ...	...	...	...	5	...	...	...
Total ...	2,934	943	212	279	639	...	141
<i>Nadia.</i>							
Chakdaha ...	97	...	142	...	4	18	...
Ranaghat ...	785	131	81	6	249	5	...
Aranghata ...	45	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bagula ...	17,323	3,058	4	17	...	...	4
Kishanganj ...	3,781	1,711	971	302	...	...	...
Banpur ...	608	148	126	...	6	...	...
Ramnagar ...	2,874	729	568	109	9	10	2
Jairampur ...	2,325	1,072	560	168	...	...	8
Chuadanga ...	17,306	5,264	1,117	200	165	30	4
Munshiganj ...	6,447	1,509	69	9	12	...	...
Alamdanga ...	35,663	11,839	2,523	18	50	...	8
Halsa ...	2,339	483	...	503	193	11	...
Poradaha ...	2,340	245	15	...	...	...	2
Jagati ...	2,853	905	21	13	...	5	...
Kushtia ...	47,273	19,967	1,582	3,368	1,198	120	312
Kumarkhali ...	20,440	18,740	774	2,504	2,496	25	...
Koksa ...	6,567	3,583	637	234	643	...	26
Mirpur ...	20,759	2,549	148	15	61	...	...
Bhairamara ...	29,622	2,962	14	...	168	...	...
Damukdia ...	7,107	13,189	3,425	908	247	6	...
Gangnapur ...	32	20	61	...	...	21	...
Madanpur ...	9	88	...	28	...	6	30
Sibnibash ...	...	...	...	...	39	...	...
Total ...	2,26,600	88,192	12,838	8,402	5,540	257	396
<i>Jessore.</i>							
Chandpara ...	150	18	15	...	...	...	...
Bangaon ...	1,667	213	268	358	554	21	30
Gopalnagar ...	521	69	129	240	235	2	...
Benapol ...	296	268	69	26	44	...	4
Nabharan ...	634	227	129	40	36	...	19
Jhikargacha ...	7,048	1,685	1,004	312	502	36	19
Jessore ...	6,649	3,482	1,017	418	254	60	42
Rupdia ...	58	59	3	8	...	1	4
Singia ...	16,316	7,275	40	55	76	277	32
Naral ...	258	...	...	...	...	...	...
Binodpur ...	1,056	110	...	...	...	...	...
Nohatta ...	328	77	2	...	4
Other places ...	2,529	250	...	4	10	...	4
Total ...	87,510	18,783	2,676	1,461	1,715	397	154

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
BENGAL—contd.							
<i>Khulna.</i>	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.
Fakir Hât	20	...	6
Nawapara ...	1,535	876	51	10	118
Phultala ...	346	119	180	26	44	...	...
Daulatpur ...	148	20	30	75	22	...	...
Khulna ...	3,526	5,343	419	435	125	29	10
Bagir Hât ...	15	18	...	...	...	...	...
Bhatpara ...	8	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	5,578	6,376	700	546	315	29	10
<i>Rajahahi.</i>							
Malanohi ...	1,503	2,126	...	542	370	...	...
Gopalpur ...	73	260	...	...	...	...	...
Nator ...	498	1,873	1,294	2,363	931	10	...
Attrai ...	37	982	4,434	1,380	2,055	...	...
Raninagar ...	108	304	185	40	...	...	...
Alipur ...	14,912	3,108	...	...	...	...	...
Rampur Boalia ...	1,348	3,594	1,862	...	170	...	...
Sara ...	493	301	4	3	141	...	...
Charghat ...	...	448	...	...	...	...	...
Madhanagar ...	...	...	100	...	...	...	...
Total ...	18,972	12,996	7,879	4,328	3,667	10	...
<i>Dinajpur.</i>							
Parbatipur ...	...	358	...	...	...	...	...
Kaugaon ...	6	883	400	...	...	...	...
Charkai ...	192	24	32	124	68	...	88
Phulbari ...	82	232	97	...	20	...	...
Raiganj ...	1	...	...	...	...	2	...
Dinajpur ...	1,007	3,778	2,737	...	772	...	...
Kaliaganj ...	...	140	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	1,288	5,415	3,266	124	860	2	88
<i>Jalpaiguri.</i>							
Belakoba ...	632	150	...	...	389	...	...
Dam-Dim ...	171	...	...	...	...	...	...
Obilahati ...	70	300	332	1,069	780	...	...
Haldibari ...	24,726	7,041	3,081	14,029	18,081	148	284
Jalpaiguri ...	25,961	13,032	2,609	5,580	4,814	...	...
Ramshai Hât ...	9,716	5	400	378	40	...	...
Chalsa Road Ghât ...	1,220	...	203	1,401	246	...	...
Malbazar ...	1,981	165	...	...	220	...	...
Deomoni ...	103	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mandal Ghât ...	713	520	...	235	990	100	...
Total ...	65,293	21,213	6,625	22,692	25,560	248	284
<i>Darjeeling.</i>							
Siliguri ...	5,857	887	41	1,644	1,227	210	...
Kurseong ...	4,097	14	6	412	5	...	9
Sonada ...	1,056	...	...	410	1,040	150	...
Ghum ...	4,465	1,175	713	651	1,647	...	164
Darjeeling ...	3,184	1,386	1,074	552	1,680	20	20
Mahanadi	1
Tindaria	100
Rangtang	130
Total ...	18,659	8,462	1,834	3,770	5,729	380	193

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BENGAL—contd.							
<i>Rangpur.</i>	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.
Daroani	...	237	305	100
Rangpur	1,337	1,458	634	803	739	85	70
Kaunia	234	...	12	277	54	20	...
Badarganj	24	...	38	20	18	...	...
Saidpur	1,495	2,373	1,450	658	633	...	52
Nilphamari	236	505	868	663	745	14	126
Domar	8,097	5,191	1,359	7,691	15,197	1,536	103
Tista	392	...	...	...	...	...	...
Lalmonir Hât	453	...	6	...	...	...	...
Magal Hât	200	...	356	56	62	...	...
Kurigram	964	55	127	449	112	2	8
Jatrapur	426	34	26	130	69	...	...
Porabari	680	29	81	520	193	...	4
Madarganj	4	...	20	91	2,595	...	...
Kamarjani	1,388	36	35	242	128	64	...
Chilmari	248	70	20	85	42	...	...
Rowmari	133	...	21	26	90	34	...
Shampur	100	...	...	5	...	...	...
Total	16,411	9,988	5,358	11,816	20,677	1,755	363
<i>Bogra.</i>							
Panchbibi	...	100	150	200	...	...	...
Jaipur Hât	16	1,493	583	994	1,871	...	...
Jamerbari	1,859	229	416	832	823	8	140
Sultanpur	170	953	4,148	2,769	5,375	20	294
Akkelpur	390	1,117	1,665	501	1,810	...	20
Hili	105	987	335	213	204	16	40
Jamalganj	507	1,274	722	120	430	671	...
Tilakpur	...	108	...	...	...	...	20
Nakhila	...	...	...	37	90	...	...
Total	3,047	6,261	8,019	5,716	10,603	715	514
<i>Pabna.</i>							
Nagarbari	1,263	201	300	801	170	...	...
Banagram	85	...	...	...	...	...	...
Belkuchi	3,996	1,154	192	2,219	1,024	10	20
Serajganj	11,476	2,477	3,771	10,840	934	46	26
Pabna	4	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sthalchar	...	...	5	8	38	...	...
Bera	...	...	12	18	...	...	...
Total	16,824	3,832	4,280	13,886	2,166	56	46
<i>Cooch Behar.</i>							
Chaurh Hât	1,476	...	...	...	167	...	...
Torsa	28,106	...	360	183	601	101	78
Other places	917	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	30,499	...	360	183	768	101	78
<i>Dacca.</i>							
Dorogram	...	...	...	17	1	...	...
Elashin	6	9	16	218	541	...	...
Narayanganj	1,436	104	520	4,425	140	...	62
Dacca	533	69	136	466	180	16	1
Kadirpur	22	28	327	253	2	...	...
Tarpasa	815	29	...	302	24	...	...
Kamalaghat	13	38	...	...	...	...	...
Bahar	13	...	...	387	...	...	...
Moynal	12	2	...	...	1	...	...
Postagola	513	...	...	...	...	...	...
Maniknagar	2	...	...	2	2	...	...
Aricha	...	12	...	...	31	4	...
Sabhar	296	165	300	...
Elachipur	6
Bishnandi	20
Total	3,365	291	999	6,392	1,087	320	63

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BENGAL—contd.							
<i>Mymensingh.</i>	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.
Gafargaon ...	16
Mymensingh ...	651	14	144	248	354	...	20
Bhairab Bazar ...	41	...	...	76	41	...	59
Bahadurabad ...	254	20	...	94	204	52	20
Hargilachar ...	336	121	22	32	40	...	...
Jagannathganj ...	1,186	25	63	165	924	2	46
Subarnakhali ...	2,559	264	102	171	73	...	...
Sadhuganj ...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...
Total ...	5,043	444	331	783	1,636	54	145
<i>Faridpur.</i>							
Doomasa ...	...	...	...	127	126	...	...
Daulatdia ...	11,346	...	...	...	...	...	...
Lallgolla ...	4,469	2,730	1,275	6,776	4,413	60	44
Pangsa ...	34,805	12,914	984	1,829	589	7	41
Belgachi ...	8,279	300	103	424	118	6	...
Rajbari ...	13,341	1,124	495	327	406	...	...
Pachuria ...	19,465	8,746	6,355	5,531	868	...	...
Goalundo ...	19,895	4,304	2,818	6,353	3,338	600	160
Faridpur ...	21	...	2	19	26	...	...
Madaripur ...	6	...	...	5	...	...	...
Haserkandi ...	4	...	...	20	...	...	...
Nuria ...	...	30	456	856	130	...	...
Kartikpur ...	61	...	14	558	43	...	2
Jobsa ...	...	...	...	86	3	...	...
Total ...	1,11,692	30,148	12,502	22,911	10,060	673	187
<i>Backergunge.</i>							
Pirozpur ...	...	5	...	...	4	...	...
Jhalakati ...	920	...	1,232	2,147	20	...	...
Barisal ...	249	...	40	20	20	20	40
Total ...	1,169	5	1,272	2,167	44	20	40
<i>Tippera.</i>							
Azabpur ...	...	...	...	1	2	...	...
Haziganj ...	20	...	...	120	20	...	...
Comilla ...	130	...	...	132	...	...	...
Chandpur ...	8	1	240	203	97	...	...
Akhaura ...	7	8	18	9	6	...	4
Nayanpur ...	...	...	...	9	...	...	...
Brahmanbaria ...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...
Total ...	165	9	258	477	125	...	4
<i>Noakhali.</i>							
Noakhali ...	471	...	...	1	...	...	...
Feni ...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...
Total ...	471	...	...	4	...	...	...
<i>Chittagong.</i>							
Chittagong ...	54	284	345	613	226	42	60
<i>Burdwan.</i>							
Sitarampur ...	...	...	412	...	...	...	...
Rasulpur ...	3
Raniganj ...	428
Total ...	431	...	412
<i>Birbhum.</i>							
Bolpur ...	5
Sainthia ...	2
Total ...	7

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BENGAL—concl'd.							
<i>Murshidabad.</i>	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.
Azimganj ...	312	375
Jiaganj ...	20
Total ...	332	375
Total of Bengal ...	5,66,344	2,03,967	70,166	1,06,550	91,417	5,059	2,766
CHOTA NAGPUR.							
<i>Hazaribagh.</i>							
Giridih ...	390	740
<i>Manbhum.</i>							
Purulia ...	937	740	927	360
Chandil ...	10
Katrasgarh ...	16
Pradhan Khanta	740
Total ...	963	740	1,667	360
<i>Singbhum.</i>							
Chakradharpur ...	20
Total of Chota Nagpur	1,373	1,480	1,667	360
BIHAR.							
<i>Sonthal Parganas.</i>							
Deoghur ...	370
Pakur ...	6
Rajmahal	794
Total ...	376	794
<i>Bhagalpur.</i>							
Coigong ...	384
Bhagalpur ...	370	4,100
Total ...	754	4,100
<i>Monghyr.</i>							
Monghyr ...	370	...	370
Barowni ...	10
Khagaria ...	742	370	376
Burhi	1,496	1,516
Kajra ...	161	1,876	375
Jamalpur	370
Garhara	751	751
Total ...	1,283	4,863	3,388
<i>Patna.</i>							
Barh	753	1,128
Patna ...	1,050	8,988	2,828	1,110	370
Diga Ghat ...	740	386
Bakhtiarpur ...	377	771	382
Mokameh ...	745	3,776	2,627	100
Khusrupur	2,655	375
Bankipur	375	751	370	370
Dinapur	371
Bihta	370
Total ...	2,912	18,075	8,091	1,950	740

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BIHAR—concd.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.
<i>Purnea.</i>							
Barsoi	370
Sonali ...	720
Kiehanganj ...	1	1,466	10
Kasba	200
Total ...	721	1,466	570	10
<i>Darbhanga.</i>							
Samastipur ...	895	3,004	1,499
Kamtaul ...	370
Dalsingh Sarai	3,755	2,632
Total ...	1,265	6,759	4,131
<i>Shahabad.</i>							
Buxar	1,852
Arrah	1,120	385
Raghunathpur ...	370
Behea	370
Dumraon	370
Total ...	370	1,120	755	2,222
<i>Gaya.</i>							
Gaya ...	370	...	11
<i>Muzaffarpur.</i>							
Hajipur ...	740
Sitamarhi ...	370
Muzaffarpur ...	2,628	2,281	380
Bhagwanpur	375
Garaul	376	375
Total ...	3,738	3,032	755
<i>Champanan.</i>							
Bettiah ...	370
<i>Saran.</i>							
Ekma ...	740
Revelganj ...	1,870	1,857
Chapra ...	1,537	380	370
Savan ...	2,960	1,480	740
Daronda ...	370	1,505
Digwara	758
Total ...	7,477	5,980	1,110
Total of Bihar	19,636	46,189	18,811	4,172	740	...	10
NORTH-WES-							
TERN PROVIN-							
CES AND OUDH.							
<i>Ghasipur.</i>							
Dildarnagar	1,121
Ghasipur ...	5
Tarighat	370
Total ...	5	1,491
<i>Benares.</i>							
Benares ...	370
Zamania	1,115
Total ...	370	1,115
<i>Gorakhpur.</i>							
Gauri Bazar ...	370
Chauri Chaura ...	370
Gorakhpur	740
Total ...	740	...	740

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NORTH-WES- TERN PROVIN- CES AND OUDH—contd.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.
<i>Mirzapur.</i>							
Mirzapur ...	385
<i>Allahabad.</i>							
Naini Junction ..	370
Mija Road ...	385
Allahabad ...	4,000
Total ...	4,755
<i>Fattokpur.</i>							
Bindki ...	385
<i>Cawnpur.</i>							
Cawnpur ...	7,965	381
<i>Etawah.</i>							
Etawah ...	2,383
<i>Mainpuri.</i>							
Shakohabad ...	375
<i>Agra.</i>							
Firozabad ...	767
<i>Muttra.</i>							
Muttra ...	379
<i>Alighur.</i>							
Hatrass ...	3,832	1,144	379
Alighur ...	375
Total ...	4,207	1,144	379
<i>Meerut.</i>							
Meerut ...	758	...	384
<i>Moradabad.</i>							
Moradabad ...	385
<i>Bareilly.</i>							
Faridpur ...	4
Aonla ...	379
Bareilly ...	1,143	81
Total ...	1,526	81
<i>Jaunpur.</i>							
Jaunpur ...	8	3
Jalalganj ...	6
Total ...	14	3
<i>Shahjehanpur.</i>							
Shahjehanpur ...	1,132
Tilhar ...	1,899
Anjhoe ...	385
Total ...	3,416

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NORTH-WES- TERN PROVIN- CES AND ODISH—concl'd.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.
<i>Lucknow.</i>							
Lucknow ...	1,901	374
Alamnagar ...	3,401
Total ...	5,302	374
<i>Bulandshahar.</i>							
Khurja ...	750
<i>Fyzabad.</i>							
Fyzabad ...	821
Gosainganj ...	385
Total ...	1,206
<i>Hardai.</i>							
Hardai ...	373
Baghauli ...	748
Total ...	1,121
Other places	2,255	...	370
Total of the North- Western Provin- ces.	39,449	3,012	1,873	81	1,496
Panjab ..	1,516	...	370	1,110	1,110
Central Provinces ...	456	1	...	2,986
Rajputana and Central India	384
ASSAM.							
<i>Sylhet.</i>							
Fenchugunge ..	151	503
Sylhet ...	1,294	51	2	371	590	2	...
Badarpur ...	6,237	106
Balaganj ...	5,052	369	...	425	146
Karimganj ...	890	2	1,080	...
Chattak ...	3
Other places ...	836	1,070	327	...	237
Total ...	14,463	2,099	329	796	975	1,082	...
<i>Cachar.</i>							
Silchar ...	13,847	5,922	261	1,348	4,220	349	56
Jetingamukh	93
Total ...	13,847	5,922	261	1,348	4,220	349	149
<i>Goalpara.</i>							
Dhubri ...	1,208	121	330	632	464	...	160
Goalpara ...	1,640	310	366	2,384	1,968	88	130
Total ...	2,848	431	696	3,016	2,432	88	290

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ASSAM—concd.							
<i>Kamrup.</i>	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.
Gauhati ...	673	3,258	2,876	13,257	6,713	2,913	2,966
<i>Darrang.</i>							
Tejpur ...	257	111	152	411	259	3	...
Mangaldai ...	18	160	...	1	56	..	4
Bishunath ...	51
Behalimukh	410
Total ...	326	271	152	822	315	3	4
<i>Sibsagar.</i>							
Nigriting ...	1,826	13	129	40	20
Disangmukh ...	1,676	437	190	357	223	20	93
Dekhumukh ...	3,986	609	697	555	630	82	97
Kokilamukh ...	557	372	103	...	286	60	2
Other places ...	1,576	701	10	84	142
Total ...	9,621	2,119	1,000	1,009	1,410	202	212
<i>Lakhimpur.</i>							
Dibrugarh ...	14,366	875	1,887	4,020	3,966	1,650	1,500
Palasbari ...	2	20	...	103	6
Total ...	14,368	895	1,887	4,123	3,972	1,650	1,500
<i>Norgong.</i>							
Silghat ...	558	61	507
Other places ...	115	26	400	...	112	24	...
Total of Assam ...	56,819	15,021	7,601	24,432	20,656	6,311	5,121
Unspecified places ...	3,843	115	16	143	160	...	5
GRAND TOTAL ...	6,89,820	2,69,785	1,00,504	1,39,834	1,15,579	11,370	7,902
ABSTRACT.							
Total of Bengal ...	5,65,086	2,03,931	70,166	1,06,550	91,417	5,059	2,766
Ditto Bihar ...	19,636	46,189	18,811	4,172	740	...	10
Ditto Chota Nagpur.	1,373	1,480	1,667	360
Ditto North-Western Provinces and Oudh.	39,449	3,012	1,873	81	1,496
Ditto Panjab ...	1,516	...	370	1,110	1,110
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Assam ...	58,077	15,057	7,601	24,432	20,656	6,311	5,121
Unspecified places ...	3,843	115	16	143	160	...	5
GRAND TOTAL ...	6,89,820	2,69,785	1,00,504	1,39,834	1,15,579	11,370	7,902

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF THE PRICES OF FOOD-GRAINS.

RETAIL prices of common rice and other food-grains in the several districts of Bengal and in the neighbouring districts of the North-Western Provinces during the first and second fortnights of October and the first fortnight of November 1897, as compared with the corresponding fortnights of October and November 1896, are published for general information. The latest available prices of common rice in Cachar and Sylhet are also published.

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Secy. to the Govt. of Bengal.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT, the 30th November 1897.

Quantity obtainable for a rupee.

DISTRICTS.	1897.			1896.		
	15th October.	31st October.	15th November.	15th October.	31st October.	15th November.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	S. CH.	S. CH.	S. CH.	S. CH.	S. CH.	S. CH.
COMMON RICE—						
Burdwan ..	9 12	9 12	10 0	12 0	9 12	9 12
Birbhum ...	9 6	9 12	11 0	11 4	9 0	9 12
Bankura ...	12 8	13 8	15 12	13 0	11 0	12 0
Midnapore ...	{ 9 4 (old.) 11 8 (new aus.)	{ 9 6 (old.) 11 0 (new aus.)	{ 9 10 (old.) 11 4 (new aus.)	{ 11 0 10 0	{ 9 8 8 3	{ 10 0 8 8
Hooghly ...	8 2	8 2	8 2	12 0	10 0	9 2
Howrah ...	8 4	8 0	8 0			
24-Parganas ...	8 2	8 8	8 8	11 0	9 0	9 0
Calcutta ...	7 4	8 0	8 0	8 14	8 6	8 6
Nadia ...	9 1	10 0	9 12	11 0	8 5	8 14
Murshidabad ...	{ 9 0 (old.) 11 0 (new aus.)	{ 10 0 (old.) 12 0 (new aus.)	{ 10 0 (old.) 12 0 (new aus.)	{ 11 0 11 0	{ 9 8 9 2	{ 10 0 9 2
Jessore ...	11 0	13 0	12 0	9 14	9 0	8 10
Khulna ...	9 0	10 0	10 8			
Rajshahi ...	{ 7 8 (old.) 9 0 (new aus.)	{ 9 0 (old.) 11 4 (new aus.)	{ 10 2 (old.) 11 4 (new aus.)	{ 9 8 10 12	{ 7 8 9 9-3d.	{ 9 6 9 14-2d.
Dinajpur ...	{ 8 6½ (old.) 9 9½ (new aus.)	{ 8 6½ (old.) 10 3 (new aus.)	{ 9 0 (old.) 12 0 (new aus.)	{ 10 12 10 0	{ 9 9-3d. 9 0	{ 9 14-2d. 9 0
Jalpaiguri ...	8 0	8 8	9 0	8 0	8 0	8 0
Darjeeling ...	8 8	8 0	9 0	8 0	8 0	8 0
Rangpur ...	6 0	6 4	7 0	8 0	8 0	9 0
Bogra* ...	{ 7 2 (old.) 8 10 (new aus.)	{ 8 10 (old.) 9 12 (new aus.)	{ 7 8 (old.) 9 0 (new aus.)	{ 9 0 10 8	{ 9 0 9 12	{ 9 12 9 8
Pabna ...	8 10	11 4	10 8	10 8	9 12	9 8
Dacca ...	10 8	11 0	12 0	10 8	9 0	9 0
Mymensingh ...	6 8	7 0	8 0	8 0	8 0	8 0
Faridpur ...	10 0	11 0	11 0	8 8	8 8	8 0
Backergunge ...	{ 7 0 (old.) 9 12 (new aus.)	{ 9 0 (old.) 10 8 (new aus.)	{ 9 8 10 8	{ 8 14 8 0	{ 8 4 7 3	{ 8 0 7 0
Tippera ...	6 10	7 4	10 8	8 0	7 3	7 0
Noakhali ...	10 8 (aus.)	11 8	12 0	11 0	9 8	9 8
Chittagong ...	10 0	9 4	10 8	9 8	9 8	9 0
Patna ...	11 0	11 0	11 8	10 12	9 0	10 0
Gaya ...	8 0	8 0	9 8	9 0	8 4	8 0
Shahabad ...	{ 9 0 9 8	{ 9 0 10 0	{ 10 0 10 8	{ 9 0 10 0	{ 8 0 8 8	{ 8 8 9 8
Seran ...	11 0	11 4	12 12	10 0	9 0	9 0
Champaran ...	12 8	12 8	13 8	11 4	11 4	9 0
Muzaffarpur* ...	9 0	9 8	10 0	9 0	8 4	7 8
Darbhanga ...	12 0	12 0	12 0	11 0	10 0	10 0
Monghyr ...	8 11½	8 10½	9 7½	9 4	8 6	8 8
Bhagalpur ...	8 14	8 14	10 8	11 4	9 6	10 2
Purnea ...	11 11	11 11	11 8	10 0	10 0	10 0
Malda ...	8 8	10 9	11 8	11 8	8 8	11 0
Bonthal Per- ganas.	9 0	9 0	12 4	10 0	9 4	10 8
Cuttack ...	13 13	12 8	12 8	15 2	11 13	11 13
Balasore ...	{ 12 8 to 13 0	{ 14 8 11 12 old.) 14 7 (new.)	{ 14 8 10 8 (old.) 14 7 (new.)	{ 16 0 16 0	{ 11 13 10 12	{ 13 2 11 0
Puri ...	10 8	10 0	12 4	9 0	8 12	9 0
Hazarilagh ...	9 0	10 0	10 0 (old.)	9 0	8 0	9 0
Lohardaga ...	10 0	14 0	15 0 (new.)	{ 11 0 11 0	{ 10 0 10 0	{ 10 0 10 0
Paleman ...	11 13	12 8	12 13	9 0	8 7	8 11
Manthum ...	11 0	11 8	15 8	11 8	12 0	12 0 (new.)
Singbhum ...	12 0	14 0	14 0	13 0	10 0	14 0

* Hoza
Muzaffarpur ... 10 0

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	S. ch.	S. ch.	S. ch.	S. ch.	S. ch.	S. ch.
WHEAT—						
Patna ...	10 0	10 0	10 0	8 12 and 9 0	8 4	9 0
Gaya ...	8 12 9 8	8 8 9 0	8 12 9 8	8 8 8 0	8 0 8 6	8 4 8 8
Shahabad ...	and 10 0	and 9 8	and 9 12	and 8 8	and 8 8	and 9 0
Saran ...	9 8	9 8	10 0	8 8	8 8	8 8
Champanan ...	8 8	8 0	8 8	8 12	9 0	9 0
Muzaffarpur ...	9 0	8 8	9 0	9 0	8 0	8 0
Darbhanga ...	8 0	8	8 0	8 0	8 0	8 0
Monghyr ...	9 7½	8 11½	9 15½	9 0	8 4	8 12
Bhagalpur ...	9 8	9 8	10 2	8 12	8 8	9 0
Purnea ...	8 0	9 9	9 9	9 0	8 0	10 0
INDIAN-CORN OR MAIZE—						
Patna ...	15 8	15 8	19 8	15 0	12 0	3 0
Gaya ...	14 0	13 8	17 12	12 8	11 2	11 2
Shahabad ...	13 8	and 4 0	16 0	14 0	and 11 8	12 0
Saran ...	15 0	15 0	16 4	14 8	12 0	12 8
Champanan ...	18 6	17 0	18 8	18 0	14 4	12 0
Muzaffarpur ...	17 0	15 8	18 0	16 8	13 0	12 0
Darbhanga ...	15 0	15 0	18 0	16 0	11 8	12 0
Monghyr ...	15 12	14 11½	16 1½	14 8	13 0	13 4
Bhagalpur ...	15 2	15 2	20 0	14 6	12 10	14 0
Purnea ...	10 4	...	21 4	16 0	...	13 0
Sonthal Parganas ...	16 0	18 0	19 0	18 0	13 8	14 0
Hazaribagh ...	15 0	13 12	16 0	12 0	11 0	11 0
Lohardaga ...	12 0	12 0	14 0	15 0	12 0	10 0
Palamau ...	13 9	16 14	16 14	13 8	12 6	11 13
Manbhum ..	14 0	16 0	17 0	16 0	14 0	...

NORTH-WESTERN PROVINCES.

COMMON RICE—						
Jaunpur ...	9 0	8 8	9 0	7 12	7 5	6 10
Gorakpur ...	9 14	11 4	11 4	8 9	9 0	8 9
Mirzapur ...	8 4	7 16	8 14	7 5	6 12	...
Benares ...	10 0	10 0	10 0	8 13	7 13	9 1
Ghazipur ...	9 12	9 4	10 4	8 8	7 12	...
Ballia ...	8 8	7 8	8 8	10 0	8 0	9 0
WHEAT—						
Jaunpur ...	9 0	9 8	9 8	7 12	7 10	7 10
Gorakpur ...	8 2	8 9	9 0	7 3	7 3	7 3
Mirzapur ...	8 5	8 4	8 5	8 1	7 14	...
Benares ...	9 14	9 10	10 6	8 3½	7 13	7 11
Ghazipur ...	9 4	9 0	9 8	8 8	7 8	...
Ballia ...	8 12	9 4	10 8	9 0	7 8	8 4

* Burma rice 9 seers 6 chittaks.

ASSAM.

Prices of common rice for the week ending 11th November 1897:—

	Week of report.	Preceding week.	Corresponding week of 1896.
	S. ch.	S. ch.	S. ch.
CACHAR—			
Janiganj Bazar ...	10 0	8 1½	6 10½
Hailakandi ...	10 0	9 0	6 6
SYLHET—			
Kazi Bazar ...	13 2	14 0	8 0
Chhotak Bazar ...	11 0	12 0	8 0
Sunamganj ...	8 0	9 0	9 0
Habiganj ...	12 0	12 0	8 3
Karimganj ...	11 5	10 7	7 8
Maulvi Bazar ...	12 0	12 0	9 8

WEATHER AND CROP REPORT.

For the week ending the 29th November 1897.

Burdwan.—Rainfall at Sadar ·11, Kalna ·17, Katwa nil, Raniganj nil. Weather seasonable. *Aman* paddy is being harvested; it is a bumper crop. Sowing of *rabi* crops continues. Sugarcane and potatoes doing well. Prospects all round most excellent. Fodder and water sufficient. Common rice selling as follows:—

			Srs.	Srs.	
Sadar	9½ to 13	} per rupee.
Kalna	9 to 13	
Katwa	10 to 12	
Raniganj	13	

Birbhum.—Rainfall at Sadar ·03, Rampur Hât nil. Weather seasonable. Prospects of standing crops good. Sowing of *rabi* crops continues. Fodder sufficient. Prices are:—

			Old rice.	New rice.	
			Srs.	Srs.	
Sadar ...	...	...	11½	13½	} per rupee.
Rampur Hât	...	...	12	15	

Bankura.—Rainfall at Bankura ·03, Vishnupur ·09. Weather occasionally cloudy at the beginning of the week. Harvesting of paddy briskly going on. *Rabi* plants doing well. No cattle-disease. Fodder and water sufficient. Price of common rice 15 seers per rupee at Bankura and Vishnupur.

Midnapore.—Rainfall at Sadar ·05, Contai ·28, Tamluk ·03. Weather cool. Prospects of paddy and other crops good, but a slight damage was done to *biri* at Contai by the recent rain. Fodder and water sufficient. Common rice selling as follows:—

			Srs.	
Sadar	9	} per rupee.
Contai	...	...	11 to 12
Tamluk	...	...	10½
Ghatal	...	...	10 to 10½

Hooghly.—No rain. Harvesting of winter rice commenced. No cattle-disease. Common rice sells from 8 to 12 seers per rupee.

Howrah.—Rainfall nil. Weather hot for the season and cloudy during the last two days. Sowing of *rabi* crops going on. Harvesting of *aman* continues; outturn good. Fodder and water sufficient. Common rice sells at 9 to 11½ seers per rupee.

24-Parganas.—Rainfall at Diamond Harbour ·30; elsewhere no rain. Weather seasonable. Prospects of crops good and hopeful. Sowing of *rabi* crops going on. Harvesting of *aman* continues. No cattle-disease. Fodder and water sufficient. Common rice sells as follows:—

			Srs.	
Sadar	9 to 12	} per rupee.
Barasat	...	...	11½
Basirhat	...	...	10½
Diamond Harbour (new <i>aman</i>)	...	...	13

Nadia.—Rainfall at Sadar ·15, Meherpur ·07. Harvesting of *aman* continues. Condition of *rabi* crops excellent. Fodder sufficient. Common rice (old) selling at 8 to 9½ seers and (new) at 10 to 13 seers per rupee.

Murshidabad.—No rain. Weather seasonable. Harvesting of *aman* commenced. Sowing of *rabi* crops nearly finished. *Kalai*, sugarcane, and mulberry doing well. Fodder sufficient. No cattle-disease reported. Common rice sells as follows:—

			Srs.	
Sadar	...	...	11	} per rupee.
Jangipur	...	...	15	
Kandi	...	...	14	

Khulna.—Rainfall at Bagerhat ·03. Weather seasonable. Cultivation of *rabi* crops going on. Prospects of *aman* excellent. Water and fodder available. Common rice sells as follows:—

			Srs.	
Sadar	...	...	9 to 12	} per rupee.
Bagirhat	...	...	11	
Datkhira	...	...	11½	

Rajshahi.—No rain. Weather seasonable. Prospects of all crops excellent. Harvesting of winter paddy continues. Condition of cattle good except some stray cases of cattle-pox in one village in Nator subdivision. Fodder and water plentiful. Common rice sells from 8 to 12 seers per rupee.

Dinajpur.—Rainfall nil. Weather cold. Condition of winter rice good. Sowing of *rabi* in progress. Fodder and water sufficient. No cattle-disease. Price of rice 9½ seers per rupee.

Jalpaiguri.—Rainfall nil. Weather seasonable. Prospects of standing crops good. Sowing of *rabi* crops and potatoes still going on. Fodder and water sufficient. Average price of common rice 9 seers per rupee.

Rangpur.—No rain. Transplantation of tobacco and sowing of *rabi* crops still going on in places. Harvesting of *aman* commenced; prospects good. Common rice selling at 8 to 12 seers per rupee. Fodder and water sufficient, except at Kurigram, where they are reported as getting scarce.

Bogra.—Rainfall nil. Prospects of winter rice continue good. Pulses and oilseeds doing well. Fodder and water ample. Price of common rice (new winter rice) varies from 12 to 15 seers per rupee.

Pabna.—Rainfall at Sadar .03, Sirajganj nil. Weather partially cloudy and cool. Prospects excellent. Harvesting has commenced in places. Price of common rice 9½ to 10 seers per rupee. Pasture sufficient, but fodder scarce at Sirajganj. No cattle-disease.

Dacca.—Rainfall nil. Weather seasonable. Prospects of standing crops excellent. Fodder available. A few cases of cattle-disease at Sadar. Price of common rice 10 to 13 seers per rupee.

Mymensingh.—Rainfall nil. Weather seasonable. *Aman* being harvested. Prospects good. Common rice 7½ to 15 seers per rupee.

Faridpur.—Rainfall at Sadar .12, Goalundo .12. Weather seasonable. Prospects of crops good. Rice 10 to 13 seers per rupee.

Backergunge.—Rainfall at Saran nil. Weather seasonable, but cloudy on some days. Prospects of crops good. Common rice sells from 8 to 13 seers per rupee.

Tippera.—Rainfall at Brahmanbaria .18, Comilla nil, Chandpur nil. Weather alternately cloudy and bright. Harvesting of winter rice commenced. Prospects good. Fodder sufficient. Common rice 10 to 13 seers per rupee.

Noakhali.—Weather cloudy. Rainfall at Sadar nil, Feni .07. Prospects of crops good. Sporadic cases of cattle-disease reported. Fodder and water sufficient. Price of common rice 12 to 16 seers per rupee.

Chittagong.—No rain. Weather cloudy with occasional sunshine. Prospects of standing crops fair except in sea-board tracts. Fodder sufficient. Rice sells at 11 seers per rupee.

Patna.—No rain. Prospects of paddy, *rabi* and poppy excellent. Paddy is being reaped. Prices improving except in Dinapore. Common rice now selling in Patna at 15½ seers per rupee. Fodder and water for cattle sufficient.

Gaya.—No rain. Prospects of winter rice, *rabi* and poppy excellent. Price of Burma rice 10½ seers, and of country rice (now) 12 seers per rupee.

Shahabad.—No rain. Weather cold. Standing crops excellent. Sowing of *rabi* still continues. Paddy is being harvested. Cattle-disease reported from one village in Buxar. Fodder sufficient. Common rice selling from 10 to 13 seers per rupee.

Saran.—No rain. Cutting of paddy going on. *Rabi* and poppy sowings almost over. The young plants are healthy and promise well. Fodder and water sufficient. Average prices are—common rice 14 seers 10 chittaks, wheat 9 seers 14 chittaks, barley 13 seers 11 chittaks, *makai* 19 seers 14 chittaks, gram 10 seers 6 chittaks, *arhar* 10 seers 6 chittaks, and *marua* 20½ seers per rupee.

Champanan.—No rain. Weather unseasonably warm necessitating considerable re-sowing of poppy. *Rabi* sowings still continue. Harvesting of *aghani* rice has begun in places. Prices generally fallen. Common rice selling at 14 seers, against normal 17½ seers, and maize at 20½ seers per rupee.

Muzaffarpur.—Rainfall nil. Crop prospects good. Harvesting of winter rice commenced in places. *Rabi* sowings almost completed. Prices are—country rice 8 to 17 seers, Burma rice 12 to 13 seers, barley 17 seers, *mukhi* 20 to 21 seers, grain 10 to 11 seers, *rahar* 11 seers and *marua* 25 seers per rupee.

Darbhanga.—No rain. Harvesting of paddy going on. *Rabi* doing well. Fodder and water sufficient. Common rice sells at 13½ seers per rupee at Sadar.

Moaghyr.—No rain. Weather seasonable. Harvesting of winter rice in progress. Pressing of sugarcane has begun. *Rabi* and poppy sowings nearly completed. Common rice sells as follows :—

Monghyr ...	...	...	{ 8 to 12 seers (old rice) per rupee.
Begusarai ...	...	...	{ 12 to 16 „ (now rice) „
Jamui ...	...	...	{ 9 to 12 „ „
			{ 15 „ (new rice) „

Bhagalpur.—No rain. Westerly wind blowing. *Rabi* sowings and harvesting of winter paddy continuing. Fodder and water sufficient. Cattle-disease continues. Common rice (new) selling at 13½ seers per rupee at Sadar.

Purnea.—No rain. Harvesting of *ayhani* paddy commenced. *Rabi* crops are still being sown. Tobacco being transplanted. Sugarcane being pressed. Cattle-pox reported from Araria subdivision. Fodder and water sufficient. Common rice (*bhadosi*) selling as follows :—

Sadar ...	...	...	...	16 seers per rupee.
Kishanganj ...	...	...	...	13 „ „
Araria ...	...	...	...	14 „ „

Malda.—No rain. Weather fine and cool. Harvesting of winter rice progressing. *Kalai* pulse doing well. Mustard in flower. Common rice (old) selling at 12 seer per rupee.

Sonthal Parganas.—No rain. Harvesting of winter rice going on. Price of rice varies from 7 to 17 seers, and of maize from 14 to 24 seers per rupee. No cattle-disease. Water and fodder sufficient.

Cuttack.—Rainfall at Jajpur '03, Kendrapara '08. Weather unsettled during first half of week, and rain fell in some parts of the district. *Laghu sarad* being reaped. *Guru sarad* ripening. *Rabi* doing well, but slightly damaged by rain in places. Condition of cattle generally good. Fodder sufficient. Common rice sells as follows :—

				Srs. c.	
Cuttack	13 2	} per rupee.
Jajpur ...	...	...	...	15 12
Kendrapara ...	...	...	...	17 1
Banki ...	...	...	...	17 0

Balasore.—Rainfall at Sadar '04. Harvesting of *beali* continues, *Sarad* ripening in places and is being harvested in others. *Rabi* crops and sugarcane growing well. Price of rice varies from 14½ to 18 seers per rupee in the interior. Rice sells at 13½ and 18 seers per rupee at Balasore and Bhadrak respectively.

Angul.—No rain. Harvesting of paddy in progress. *Rabi* and oilseed crops doing well. New rice sells at 24 seers per rupee at Angul and 22 seers at Khondmala.

Puri.—Rainfall at Puri '55, Khurda nil. *Laghu* being harvested. *Sarad* in ear and ripening in places. Common rice sells as follows :—

				Srs. c.	
Puri	14 7	} per rupee.
Khurda ...	...	...	...	14 7
				11 13	
Interior ...	...	...	...	to 19 11

Hazaribagh.—No rain. Weather seasonable. Prospects of standing crops continue favourable. *Rabi* and poppy fields being ploughed. Common rice 13 seers per rupee.

Lohardaga.—No rain. Harvesting of *dona dhan* continues. State of standing crops good. Rice sells at Ranchi 14 seers per rupee, and in the interior from 15 to 24 seers. Health of cattle good. Fodder and water sufficient. Grain in stock sufficient.

Palamanu.—Rainfall nil. Weather seasonable. Standing crops excellent. Price of coarse rice from 12 to 16 seers per rupee.

Manbhum.—Rainfall at Sadar nil. Gobindpur '02. Weather seasonable. Prospects of crops excellent. Harvesting of paddy going on. No cattle-disease reported. Fodder and water sufficient. Supply sufficient. Average price of common rice :—

Sadar	...	{ Old rice 9½ seers	} per rupee.
		{ New „ 14 „	
Gobindpur	.	{ Old „ 10 „	
		{ New „ 16 „	

General Summary.—There was slight rain in parts of Orissa and of South-West and East Bengal during the week. The general prospects of the crops continue favourable except in the sea-board tracts of Chittagong, where the crops were much damaged by the recent tidal wave. The harvesting of winter rice is progressing. The *rabi* and poppy crops are still being sown. In Champaran it is reported that unseasonably warm weather has necessitated a considerable re-sowing of poppy. The fodder-supply is generally sufficient, and cattle are in good condition. The price of rice continues to fall. New winter rice is beginning to come into the market in some districts.

By order of the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal,

REVENUE DEPARTMENT,
The 30th November 1897.

M. FINUCANE,
Secretary to the Govt. of Bengal.

**Results of the Meteorological Observations taken at the Alipore Observatory from
21st to 27th November 1897.**

Month.	Date.	Maximum in sun.	Number of hours of bright sunshine.	Mean pressure barometer at 32° Fahr.	TEMPERATURE.				HYGROMETRY.				WIND.		Rain.	WEATHER.
					Mean.	Maximum.	Range.	Minimum.	Mean wet bulb.	Vapour tension.	Dew point.	Humidity.	Prevailing direction.	Miles recorded.		
1897.				Inches.	°	°	°	°	°	Inches.	°	%			Inches.	
Nov.	21st	134.2	9.4	29.968	70.4	80.3	19.1	61.2	65.0	0.546	61.4	73	N by E, N N E, and calm.	89	Nil	Clear, Δ .
"	22nd	133.0	8.9	.992	71.0	79.6	17.9	61.7	64.1	.507	59.3	66	E N E, N N E, and calm.	47	"	Day chiefly clear, night partially cloudy, Δ , o.
"	23rd	114.5	Nil	.998	71.4	77.0	10.0	67.0	65.7	.558	62.0	72	N, N N E, and calm.	50	"	Cloudy, o.
"	24th	96.6	"	30.023	63.6	71.5	5.0	66.5	66.4	.620	65.1	89	E N E and calm	54	"	Cloudy, o.
"	25th	131.2	3.8	.0.6	71.2	78.7	13.7	65.0	66.5	.589	63.6	77	N N E and calm	25	"	Chiefly cloudy, o.
"	26th	135.9	8.2	29.976	69.7	79.8	18.3	61.5	64.9	.553	61.8	76	N N W and calm	31	"	Chiefly clear, Δ .
"	27th	132.6	9.3	.963	70.3	79.5	18.1	61.4	64.4	.527	60.4	71	N by W and calm	31	"	Chiefly clear, Δ .

The mean pressure of the seven days Inches. 29.991

The average pressure of the corresponding period for 24 years, Surveyor-General's Office 29.999

The total number of hours of bright sunshine Hours. 29.6

The maximum possible number of hours of sunshine 76.3

The mean temperature of the seven days 70.4

The average temperature of the corresponding period for 24 years, Surveyor-General's Office 71.9

The extreme variation of temperature 19.1

The maximum temperature 80.3

The highest velocity of the wind in one hour Miles. 7

The mean relative humidity $\frac{7}{10}$

The average relative humidity of the corresponding period for 24 years, Surveyor-General's Office 71

The total fall of rain from 21st to 27th November 1897 Inches. Nil

The average fall of the corresponding period for 24 years, Surveyor-General's Office 0.01

The total fall from 1st January to 27th November 1897 58.33

The average fall of the corresponding period for 24 years, Surveyor-General's Office 65.15

The mean pressure, temperature, &c., are deduced from the traces of the Barograph and Thermograph, and from observations made at 6h., 10h., 16h., and 22h.

The maximum and minimum temperatures are obtained from self-registering thermometers. All the thermometers are verified and the readings have been corrected to a standard constructed and verified at the Kew Observatory. They are exposed under a thatched shed open at the sides, and are suspended four feet above the ground.

The barometer readings are corrected approximately to those of the standard, Newman's No. 86, formerly at the Surveyor-General's Office.

The hygrometric elements are obtained from Tables III, IV, and V of the official tables computed in the Meteorological Office, and based on Regnault's modifications of August's formula.

The directions and the movement of the wind are taken from the trace of a Beckley's anemograph.

The mouth of the rain-gauge is one foot above the ground.

Δ , dew ; o, overcast.

METEOROLOGICAL OFFICE, GOVT. OF INDIA,
Calcutta, the 29th November 1897.

J. H. GILLILAND,
For Meteorological Reporter to the Govt. of India.

Results of the Barometrical and Thermometrical Observations taken at the Meteorological Office, Chowringhee, from 21st to 27th November 1897.

MONTH.	Date.	Pressure at 10 A.M. corrected and reduced to 32° Fahr.	TEMPERATURE.						HYGROMETRY.			Rainfall, past 24 hours.
			Daily mean.	Maximum.	Range.	Minimum.	Dry bulb at 10 A.M.	Wet bulb at 10 A.M.	Vapour tension at 10 A.M.	Dew point at 10 A.M.	Humidity at 10 A.M.	
1897.		Inches.	°		°	°	°	°	Inches.	°	%	Inches.
November	21st	30.026	71.7	82.4	21.5	60.9	76.2	67.6	.562	62.8	62	Nil.
"	22nd	.072	72.2	82.0	19.6	62.4	76.3	67.1	.542	61.2	60	"
"	23rd	.053	72.8	77.8	10.1	67.7	74.6	67.5	.580	63.2	68	"
"	24th	.092	70.7	74.0	11.7	67.3	68.6	68.6	.627	65.4	90	"
"	25th	.076	72.9	80.6	15.4	65.2	74.1	68.6	.627	65.4	74	"
"	26th	.046	71.6	81.4	19.7	61.7	75.8	69.3	.630	65.6	71	"
"	27th	.024	71.8	81.3	20.0	61.3	76.6	67.1	.598	61.0	59	"

The mean 10 A.M. pressure of the seven days Inches 30.056
 The mean temperature of the seven days 71.9
 The extreme variation of temperature 21.5
 The maximum temperature 82.4
 The mean 10 A.M. relative humidity of the seven days % 69
 The total fall of rain from 21st to 27th November 1897 Inches Nil
 The daily mean temperatures are the crude means of maximum and minimum temperatures.

METEOROLOGICAL OFFICE, BENGAL, O. LITTLE,
 The 29th November 1897. Meteorological Reporter to the Govt. of Bengal.

CIRCULAR AND EASTERN CANALS.

Approximate Return of traffic for the week ending Saturday, the 27th November 1897, as compared with the corresponding week of the previous year.

NATURE OF CARGO.	WEEK ENDING SATURDAY, THE 27TH NOVEMBER 1897.			WEEK ENDING SATURDAY, THE 25TH NOVEMBER 1896.		
	Number of boats.	Weight of cargo.	Tollage.	Number of boats.	Weight of cargo.	Tollage.
	No.	Mds.	Rs.	No.	Mds.	Rs.
Rice and paddy	215	17,815	277	308	27,350	296
Jute	641	2,16,625	3,593	521	1,86,685	3,199
Firewood	92	52,225	800	167	86,200	1,310
Other articles	981	2,55,580	3,638	620	2,17,750	3,416
Total	1,929	5,42,245	8,266	1,906	5,17,985	8,221

Weekly Return of Traffic Receipts on Indian Railways.

EAST INDIAN RAILWAY.

Approximate Return of Traffic for the week ended 30th November 1897 on 1,708.46 miles open.

	COACHING TRAFFIC.		MERCHANDISE AND MINERAL TRAFFIC.		Other earnings (estimated).	Total earnings.	TRAFFIC TRAIN-MILES RUN.		
	Number of passengers.	Coaching receipts.	Weight carried.	Receipts.			Coaching.	Merchandise.	Total.
Total traffic for the week ...	367,967	Rs. A. P. 3,97,511 12 0	Mds. S. 37,27,013 30	Rs. A. P. 8,31,401 1 0	Rs. A. P. 20,688 0 0	Rs. A. P. 12,49,000 13 0	83,753	149,723	233,476
Or per mile of railway ...	.....	233 7 10	.....	488 5 8	12 2 5	753 15 11	.....	.....	.....
For previous 19½ weeks of half-year ...	*5,062,538	*61,58,089 14 0	*7,14,03,685 30	*1,39,84,848 9 0	*4,58,874 0 0	*2,06,91,618 7 0	1,763,869½	2,774,363	4,538,232½
Total for 20½ weeks ...	5,970,505	65,55,601 10 0	7,51,30,699 10	1,48,16,249 10 0	4,79,563 0 0	2,18,51,413 4 0	1,887,633½	2,923,966	4,811,600½
COMPARISON.									
Total for corresponding week of previous year ...	531,723½	3,79,923 1 2	36,45,235 0	8,64,793 7 10	21,683 0 8	12,66,349 9 8	90,449	153,675	244,124
Per mile of railway corresponding week of previous year ...	.....	223 5 5	.....	508 5 11	12 11 6	744 6 10	.....	.....	.....
Total for corresponding 20½ weeks of previous year ...	5,987,910½	63,58,911 13 5	6,97,72,783 30	1,33,66,663 9 11	*4,80,684 1 4	2,00,46,396 8 8	1,743,340	2,560,110	4,303,450

* Added number of passengers 2,257 and
† Deducted Mds. 2,63,119 and
‡ Deducted

Rs. 15,282
" 25,060
" 1,553

on account of difference between the approximate and audited figures for the week ended 3rd October 1897.

TAKKESUR BRANCH RAILWAY.

Approximate Return of Traffic for the week ended 30th November 1897 on 22.23 miles open.

	COACHING TRAFFIC.		MERCHANDISE AND MINERAL TRAFFIC.		Other earnings (estimated).	Total earnings.	TRAFFIC TRAIN-MILES RUN.		
	Number of passengers.	Coaching receipts.	Weight carried.	Receipts.			Coaching.	Merchandise.	Total.
Total traffic for the week ...	21,101	Rs. A. P. 5,174 15 0	Mds. S. 15,848 0	Rs. A. P. 614 13 0	Rs. A. P. 6 0 0	Rs. A. P. 5,798 12 0	1,111	77	1,188
Or per mile of railway ...	.....	232 12 8	.....	27 10 6	0 4 4	260 11 6	.....	.....	.....
For previous 19½ weeks of half-year ...	*393,608	*92,691 2 0	*1,58,008 0	*7,063 4 0	116 0 0	1,09,759 6 0	21,635	1,734	23,369
Total for 20½ weeks ...	414,709	97,666 1 0	2,04,516 0	8,567 1 0	122 0 0	1,09,555 3 0	22,646	1,811	24,457
COMPARISON.									
Total for corresponding week of previous year ...	24,308	5,968 8 10	15,975 0	777 5 0	6 15 0	6,749 12 10	1,166	189	1,355
Per mile of railway corresponding week of previous year ...	.....	268 4 3	.....	34 15 6	0 6 5	303 10 3	.....	.....	.....
Total for corresponding 20½ weeks of previous year ...	489,487	1,09,003 11 2	1,96,819 30	8,755 5 0	300 11 3	1,10,969 11 5	22,920	1,475	24,395

* Added number of passengers 1,634 and
† Do. Mds. 115 and

Rs. 263½
" 6½

on account of difference between the approximate and audited figures for the week ended 3rd October 1897.

DELHI-UMBALLA-KALKA RAILWAY.

Approximate Return of Traffic for the week ended 30th November 1897 on 160.47 miles open.

	COACHING TRAFFIC.		MERCHANDISE AND MINERAL TRAFFIC.		Other earnings (estimated).	Total earnings.	TRAFFIC TRAIN-MILES RUN.		
	Number of passengers.	Coaching receipts.	Weight carried.	Receipts.			Coaching.	Merchandise.	Total.
Total traffic for the week ...	19,016	Rs. A. P. 20,161 0 0	Mds. S. 95,300 30	Rs. A. P. 15,514 11 0	Rs. A. P. 137 0 0	Rs. A. P. 20,762 11 0	7,264	4,192	11,456
Or per mile of railway ...	.....	125 4 3	.....	96 10 11	0 13 8	223 13 19	.....	.....	.....
For previous 19½ weeks of half-year ...	*319,165	*3,76,791 11 0	*16,19,976 0	*2,54,362 14 0	*1,614 0 0	*6,32,908 9 0	183,747	78,096	261,843
Total for 20½ weeks ...	338,181	3,96,892 11 0	17,15,276 30	2,69,877 9 0	1,951 0 0	6,63,721 4 0	161,011	63,146	224,157
COMPARISON.									
Total for corresponding week of previous year ...	18,512	18,470 5 8	63,708 0	13,023 4 0	63 11 3	22,047 4 0	6,551	3,586	10,137
Per mile of railway corresponding week of previous year ...	.....	115 1 8	.....	84 4 4	0 5 4	139 11 4	.....	.....	.....
Total for corresponding 20½ weeks of previous year ...	351,305½	3,18,426 8 5	14,66,662 30	1,89,553 6 0	1,336 0 1	5,09,313 14 6	129,571	68,378	197,949

* Added number of passengers 3,023 and
† Deducted Mds. 3,546 and
‡ Added

Rs. 6,730
" 438
" 16

on account of difference between the approximate and audited figures for the week ended 3rd October 1897.

EASTERN BENGAL STATE RAILWAY.

(INCLUDING N. B., DACCA, K.-D., AND ASSAM-BEHAR SECTIONS.)

Approximate Return of Traffic and Mileage for the week ended 20th November 1897 on 817 miles open.

	COACHING TRAFFIC.		MERCHANDISE AND MINERAL TRAFFIC.		Other earnings (including ferry).	Total earnings.	TRAFFIC TRAIN-MILES RUN.		
	Number of passengers.	Coaching receipts.	Weight carried.	Receipts.			Coaching.	Merchandise.	Total.
		Rs. A. P.	Mds. S.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.			
Total traffic for the week ...	193,600	97,010 0 0	11,42,400 0	2,63,600 0 0	13,930 0 0	3,75,730 0 0	31,500	50,181	81,681
Or per mile of railway ...	237	120 0 0	1,393 0	323 0 0	2 0 0	*445 0 0	.....	.....	.....
For previous 19 weeks of half-year ...	3,542,083	15,97,660 0 0	1,95,17,284 0	42,83,370 0 0	3,32,003 0 0	62,03,533 0 0	620,584	812,524	1,433,108
Total for 20 weeks ...	3,735,772	16,05,570 0 0	2,06,59,684 0	45,47,100 0 0	3,36,633 0 0	65,79,263 0 0	660,884	862,705	1,523,589
COMPARISON.									
Total for corresponding period of previous year ...	249,697	1,20,010 0 0	11,07,652 0	2,22,800 0 0	14,011 0 0	3,05,830 0 0	32,678	41,750	74,428
Or per mile of railway corresponding week of previous year ...	300	153 0 0	1,361 0	274 0 0	2 0 0	434 0 0	.....	.....	.....
Total to corresponding date of previous year ...	4,193,538	19,27,358 0 0	2,25,99,277 0	49,23,720 0 0	3,38,729 0 0	70,92,816 0 0	644,453	881,413	1,525,871

* Excluding steamer earnings.

† Audited up to 2nd October 1897.

DACCA STATE RAILWAY.

Approximate Return of Traffic and Mileage for the week ended 20th November 1897 on 86 miles open.

	COACHING TRAFFIC.		MERCHANDISE AND MINERAL TRAFFIC.		Other earnings.	Total earnings.	TRAFFIC TRAIN-MILES RUN.		
	Number of passengers.	Coaching receipts.	Weight carried.	Receipts.			Coaching.	Merchandise.	Total.
		Rs. A. P.	Mds. S.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.			
Total traffic for the week ...	22,400	7,450 0 0	59,060 0	4,790 0 0	320 0 0	12,560 0 0	2,377	1,993	4,370
Or per mile of railway ...	260	87 0 0	697 0	55 0 0	4 0 0	140 0 0	.....	.....	.....
For previous 19 weeks of half-year ...	397,796	1,31,310 0 0	7,26,333 0	61,076 0 0	3,981 0 0	1,06,360 0 0	34,638	44,715	79,353
Total for 20 weeks ...	420,196	1,38,760 0 0	7,86,343 0	65,866 0 0	4,301 0 0	2,08,920 0 0	37,015	46,708	83,723
COMPARISON.									
Total for corresponding week of previous year ...	23,308	7,400 0 0	25,510 0	2,387 0 0	60 0 0	9,885 0 0	2,063	1,453	3,516
Or per mile of railway corresponding week of previous year ...	271	86 0 0	297 0	28 0 0	1 0 0	115 0 0	.....	.....	.....
Total to corresponding date of previous year ...	448,061	1,45,718 0 0	6,99,419 0	64,092 0 0	4,094 0 0	2,13,814 0 0	48,586	26,109	74,695

* Audited up to 2nd October 1897.

BENGAL CENTRAL RAILWAY COMPANY, LIMITED.

Approximate Return of Traffic and Mileage for the week ended 20th November 1897 on 125 miles open.

	COACHING TRAFFIC.		MERCHANDISE AND MINERAL TRAFFIC.		Other earnings.	Total earnings.	TRAFFIC TRAIN-MILES RUN.		
	Number of passengers.	Coaching receipts.	Weight carried.	Receipts.			Coaching.	Merchandise.	Total.
		Rs. A. P.	Mds. S.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.			
Total traffic for the week ...	30,061	14,163 0 0	1,41,763 0	13,524 0 0	130 0 0	27,803 0 0	3,807	5,436	9,243
Or per mile of railway ...	243	113 0 0	1,134 0	108 0 0	1 0 0	222 0 0	.....	.....	.....
For previous 19 weeks of half-year ...	576,363	2,32,657 0 0	23,17,551 0	2,25,367 0 0	3,436 0 0	4,61,390 0 0	61,123	89,323	170,446
Total for 20 weeks ...	607,324	2,46,720 0 0	24,59,254 0	2,38,871 0 0	3,562 0 0	4,80,183 0 0	64,935	94,759	179,693
COMPARISON.									
Total for corresponding week of previous year ...	43,037	15,170 0 0	74,176 0	5,983 0 0	187 0 0	31,339 0 0	3,983	2,507	6,490
Or per mile of railway corresponding week of previous year ...	344	121 0 0	593 0	48 0 0	2 0 0	171 0 0	.....	.....	.....
Total to corresponding date of previous year ...	685,501	2,32,160 0 0	20,74,214 0	1,94,061 0 0	3,913 0 0	4,21,043 0 0	76,478	70,476	146,953

* Audited up to week ending 2nd October 1897.

ASSAM-BENGAL RAILWAY.

Approximate Return of Traffic for the week ended 13th November 1897 on 274 miles open for all descriptions of Traffic and an additional 12 miles for goods and parcels traffic.

	COACHING TRAFFIC.		MERCHANDISE AND MINERAL TRAFFIC.		Other earnings (estimated).	Total earnings.	TRAFFIC TRAIN-MILES RUN.		
	Number of passengers.	Coaching receipts.	Weight carried.	Receipts.			Coaching.	Merchandise.	Total.
		Rs. A. P.	Mds. s.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.			
Total traffic for the week ...	84,168	21,017 0 0	1,63,779 0	9,244 0 0	341 0 0	20,602 0 0	3,068	3,562	6,630
Or per mile of railway ...	124.66	76.70	572.65	32.32	1.19	110.21	11.18	12.45	23.63
For previous 18 weeks of half-year (a) ...	359,639	1,39,974 0 0	28,01,886 0	1,18,371 0 0	9,162 0 0	2,07,507 0 0	41,620	61,894	1,03,514
Total for 19 weeks ...	392,787	1,60,991 0 0	29,65,665 0	1,27,615 0 0	9,503 0 0	2,98,109 0 0	44,688	64,926	1,09,614
COMPARISON.									
Total for corresponding week of previous year ...	13,651	6,673 0 0	74,914 0	2,921 0 0	353 0 0	9,947 0 0	2,386	2,738	5,124
Per mile of railway corresponding week of previous year ...	85.23	41.97	471.16	16.37	2.28	62.56	16.01	17.21	33.22
Total to corresponding date of previous year ...	215,293	1,09,685 0 0	20,03,040 0	76,025 0 0	4,633 0 0	1,69,743 0 0	28,671	59,332	88,003

(a) Includes adjustment up to week ending 2nd October 1897.

FINANCIAL YEAR.

Approximate Statement of Gross Receipts of the Assam-Bengal Railway.

RECEIPTS FOR WEEK ENDING 13TH NOVEMBER 1897.			RECEIPTS FOR WEEK ENDING 14TH NOVEMBER 1896.			TOTAL RECEIPTS FROM 1ST APRIL TO 13TH NOVEMBER 1897.			TOTAL RECEIPTS FROM 1ST APRIL TO 14TH NOVEMBER 1896.			Total increase in 1897.	Total decrease in 1897.
Mean mileage worked.	Receipts.	Per mile worked.	Mean mileage worked.	Receipts.	Per mile worked.	Mean mileage worked.	Total receipts.	Per mile worked per week.	Mean mileage worked.	Total receipts.	Per mile worked per week.		
	Rs.	Rs.		Rs.	Rs.		Rs.			Rs.		Rs.	
286	30,602	110.21	150	9,947	62.56	286	5,39,505	.....	150	3,41,938	.....	1,97,567	.....

ASSAM-BENGAL RAILWAY.

Approximate Return of Traffic for the Week ended 20th November 1897 on 274 miles open for all descriptions of Traffic and an additional 12 miles for Goods and Parcels Traffic.

	COACHING TRAFFIC.		MERCHANDISE AND MINERAL TRAFFIC.		Other earnings (estimated).	Total earnings.	TRAFFIC TRAIN-MILES RUN.		
	Number of passengers.	Coaching receipts.	Weight carried.	Receipts.			Coaching.	Merchandise.	Total.
		Rs. A. P.	Mds. s.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.			
Total traffic for the week ...	21,388	11,891 0 0	1,57,743 0	8,964 0 0	331 0 0	21,226 0 0	2,050	3,738	5,788
Or per mile of railway ...	78.06	43.36 0 0	551.55 0	31.34 0 0	1.33 0 0	76.03 0 0	9.67	13.67	23.34
For previous 19 weeks of half-year (a) ...	293,578	1,61,268 0 0	29,91,222 0	1,28,552 0 0	9,104 0 0	2,08,924 0 0	44,790	60,251	111,041
Total for 20 weeks ...	314,966	1,73,149 0 0	31,48,966 0	1,37,516 0 0	9,485 0 0	3,20,150 0 0	47,440	60,989	117,429
COMPARISON.									
Total for corresponding week of previous year ...	16,049	6,833 0 0	98,010 0	3,818 0 0	364 0 0	11,085 0 0	2,328	2,938	5,266
Per mile of railway corresponding week of previous year ...	94.05	43.10 0 0	616.42 0	24.01 0 0	2.29 0 0	60.40 0 0	14.64	18.48	33.12
Total to corresponding date of previous year ...	230,342	1,16,518 0 0	21,01,050 0	79,843 0 0	4,397 0 0	2,00,778 0 0	30,999	61,470	92,469

FINANCIAL YEAR.

Approximate Statement of Gross Receipts of the Assam-Bengal Railway.

RECEIPTS FOR WEEK ENDING 20TH NOVEMBER 1897.			RECEIPTS FOR WEEK ENDING 21ST NOVEMBER 1896.			TOTAL RECEIPTS FROM 1ST APRIL 1897 TO 20TH NOVEMBER 1897.			TOTAL RECEIPTS FROM 1ST APRIL 1896 TO 21ST NOVEMBER 1896.			Total increase in 1897.	Total decrease in 1897.
Mean mileage worked.	Receipts.	Per mile worked.	Mean mileage worked.	Receipts.	Per mile worked.	Mean mileage worked.	Total receipts.	Per mile worked	Mean mileage worked.	Total receipts.	Per mile worked		
	Rs.	Rs.		Rs.	Rs.		Rs.	Rs.		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
286	21,226	76.03	179	11,085	60.40	286	5,61,545	.....	150	3,53,841	.....	2,07,704	.....

BENGAL AND NORTH-WESTERN RAILWAY.
(INCLUDES TIRHUT STATE RAILWAY.)

Approximate Return of Traffic for week ending 18th November 1897 on 815 miles open.

	COACHING TRAFFIC.		MERCHANDISE AND MINERAL TRAFFIC.		Other earnings (estimated), including steam-bowl.	Total earnings.	TRAFFIC TRAIN-MILES RUN.		
	Number of passengers.	Receipts.	Weight carried.	Receipts.			Coaching.	Merchandise.	Total.
Total traffic for the week on 815 miles open	248,170	Rs. (a) 1,16,510	Mds. 3,65,280	Rs. (b) 41,960	Rs. (a) 16,400	(a) 1,74,860	26,130	(c) 16,427	44,556
Or per mile of railway	304'50	142'96	472'74	51'47	20'12	214'55	...	...	...
For previous 184 weeks of half-year (d)	1,674,904	7,16,947	69,30,065	8,14,178	3,19,983	17,53,108	335,765	371,865	707,760
Total for 194 weeks	2,123,074	8,35,457	75,24,335	8,66,138	2,36,383	19,27,968	361,904	390,412	752,316
COMPARISON.									
Total for corresponding week of previous year on 786 miles open	108,811	40,663	4,23,628	58,797	10,041	1,09,461	13,720	(e) 19,357	33,077
Per mile of railway corresponding week of previous year	136'99	51'81	539'04	77'70	12'88	144'79	...	...	...
Total to corresponding date of previous year	1,627,502	6,96,795	74,12,421	9,00,014	1,96,579	17,95,398	270,685	337,520	608,205

- (a) Increase in "coaching" and "other earnings" due to Bonepur and Ajodhya *mélas*.
 (b) Decrease in goods traffic due to pressure of coaching traffic in connection with the *mélas*.
 (c) Includes 892 miles of ballast trains run on open line.
 (d) .. audited figures up to week ending 18th September 1897.
 (e) .. 852 miles of ballast trains run on open line.

DARJEELING-HIMALAYAN RAILWAY COMPANY, LIMITED.

	Rs.	A.	P.
Approximate earnings for the week ending 20th November 1897	16,815	0	0
Corresponding period of 1896	16,727	12	3
Increase	87	3	9
Receipts per mile for the week ending 20th November 1897	329	11	3
Ditto for the corresponding period of 1896	327	16	11
Increase	1	11	4
Receipts from 1st July to 20th November 1897	3,03,930	0	0
Corresponding period of 1896	3,04,611	0	0
Decrease	581	0	0



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MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.—MUNICIPAL.

Calcutta, the 1st December 1897.

RESOLUTION No. 5085M.

READ—

The Administration Report of the Commissioners of Calcutta for the year 1896-97.

Read again—

The Report for the year 1895-96, and the Resolution recorded by Government thereon.

THE Report, which was due to Government on the 31st July, was received on the 27th August. This is an improvement on previous years, but the Lieutenant-Governor trusts that it may still be found possible to submit the report on the date when it is due.

2. The post of Chairman of the Corporation was held by Mr. J. G. Ritchie up to the 13th April 1896, when he resigned. He was succeeded by Mr. H. C. Williams, who has since proceeded on furlough. Mr. W. R. Bright is at present officiating as Chairman, and the Report under review is submitted by him. There has been no change in the office of Vice-Chairman, which was held throughout the year by Babu Nilambara Mukarji. The post of Engineer

to the Corporation was held by Mr. A. J. Hughes, C.I.E., who succeeded Mr. James Kimber on his retirement in April 1896. The Lieutenant-Governor is glad to take this opportunity of endorsing the high appreciation recorded by the Commissioners of the eminent services rendered by Mr. Kimber during the time he held the post of Engineer to the Corporation. Among the appointed Commissioners, Prince Sir Jehan Kadar Mirza Mahomed Wahid Ali Bahadur, C.I.E., died during the year, and was succeeded by Maulvi Abdul Jubber, Khan Bahadur, C.I.E., and the Hon'ble Sir John Lambert, K.C.I.E., retired, his place being filled by Mr. A. H. James, the present Commissioner of Police. There were also a few changes among the elected Commissioners.

3. *Meetings and attendance of Commissioners.*—The total number of meetings of all kinds held by the Commissioners during the year was 248 against 215 in the previous year. Of these, 45 were general meetings against 51 in the previous year, 57 were meetings of the General Committee, 91 of Standing Committees, 29 of Special Committees, and 26 of Sub-Committees. The number of Commissioners who attended more than 50 meetings was 26 against 33 in the previous year. The Commissioners who attended the largest number of meetings were Mr. J. Ghosal, 165 meetings; Babu Nalin Behari Sirkar, 144; Babu Priya Nath Mullick, 133; the Hon'ble Rai Durgagati Banerji Bahadur, C.I.E., 109; Babu Kali Nath Mitter, 107; and the Hon'ble Babu Surendra Nath Banerji, 105. The average percentage of attendance among the elected Commissioners was 50 against 58 in the previous year, that among the appointed Commissioners 46 against 43, and that among the Commissioners representing the Port Commissioners, the Bengal Chamber of Commerce, and the Calcutta Trades Association combined, 47 against 43 in the previous year.

4. *Proceedings of Commissioners.*—A large number of questions were dealt with by the Commissioners in general meeting, of which the most important were the electric lighting of Calcutta, the introduction of electric tramways into the town, the repairs to the Town Hall, the disposal of the ashes of bodies cremated at the burning ghats, the provision of a new burial-ground for Muhammadans, certain questions regarding the new hospital at Bhowanipur, the adoption of measures for the protection of Calcutta against the bubonic plague, the opening of a dhobikhana, the disposal of the sewage from the Fort, the reorganization of the Warrant Department of the Municipality, and the examination of the pipe-sewers in order to ascertain whether the sub-soil is polluted by leakage from them. The lighting of Calcutta by electricity is a subject which has long been under consideration, and permission has now been given by the Commissioners to certain firms to apply to Government for sanction to introduce electricity into the town under Act IX (B.C.) of 1895. One of these firms, Messrs. Kilburn and Company, applied to the Commissioners for permission to substitute electric tramways for the existing service which is in a most unsatisfactory condition. After a discussion extending over several months, a Committee was appointed to consider and ascertain, in communication with the representatives of the Tramway Company, the Indian Electric Company, and such other persons as might be necessary, whether arrangements could be made for the introduction of mechanical traction on the Calcutta Tramways, on terms which should be equitable towards and acceptable to both the Corporation and the other contracting parties, and if so, to frame an agreement accordingly for ratification by the Commissioners. The matter is still under consideration. The condition of the Town Hall being such as to render it unsafe for any public purpose, it was resolved to put it into thorough repair. A Committee was appointed to consider the question, and on their recommendation the Engineer's estimate, amounting to Rs. 38,000, for reconstructing the roof and carrying out other necessary repairs to the building, was sanctioned. The work was entrusted to Messrs. Burn and Company, and the building was almost ready for use when the earthquake of 12th June 1897 caused considerable damage to it, and further repairs will have to be undertaken. The original repairs, though estimated at Rs. 38,000, have cost over a lakh of rupees. The practice of conveying by carts to Dhappa the ashes of persons cremated at Nimtollah and Kasi Mitter's burning-ghats having been generally condemned, the question of providing some better means of disposing of these

ashes was considered by the Commissioners. It has now been decided, with the consent of the Port authorities, to convey the ashes to a point on the river at the back of the Budge-Budge Sand, opposite the Chucksai khali, and there to throw them overboard on the first of the ebb-tide. The attention of the Commissioners was drawn to the insanitary condition of the Muhammadan burial-grounds at Gobra, New Kasiabagan, Talbagan and Khoyrati Goristhan, which had become a source of danger to the health of the people residing in the neighbourhood. These cemeteries were accordingly closed during the year, and a new cemetery was opened at Gobra for Muhammadan interments. As a part of the scheme for the establishment of a hospital for the south of Calcutta, it was decided that the building occupied by the Sumbhoo Nath Pundit Dispensary should be sold by the Corporation and the sale-proceeds, together with the trust funds, transferred to Government for the maintenance of the new hospital at Bhawanipur. It has since been proposed that some land required for the proper accommodation of the hospital should be made over to Government, and that the entire institution should be called after Sumbhoo Nath Pandit, but on these points no final decision has been arrived at. The appearance of plague in Bombay towards the end of September 1896 rendered it necessary to take steps for the protection of Calcutta, which are discussed in the paragraph dealing with the operations of the Health Department. The new dhobikhana was completed during the year at a cost of Rs. 23,408. A scheme is being prepared by the Military Works Department for the disposal of the sewage from the Fort by constructing a pail depôt, in the salient of the covered-way of Clive's Ravelin in the Fort, and connecting it by means of a sewer with the municipal sewer at Dharamtala. The re-organization of the Warrant Department of the Municipality was considered during the year by a special Sub-Committee, whose report has since been laid before the Commissioners. The Lieutenant-Governor trusts that the Commissioners will lose no time in coming to a definite decision in the matter, and that they will consider the suggestion, made in paragraph 8 of the Resolution on the Report for 1895-96, that notices of demand should be issued at an earlier stage in the proceedings for recovering rates. The question of the alleged pollution of the sub-soil in the town by leakage from the sewers was inquired into by a Special Committee appointed for the purpose. Twelve house-connections in each of 17 wards were opened and inspected, with the result that in 45 out of 204 leakage was perceptible. It is not stated, however, whether the leakage was of such a character as to pollute the soil or to what extent actual pollution had taken place. The Committee have recommended the more frequent flushing of the sewers to avoid deposits of sewage.

5. *Loans.*—At the commencement of the year the loan liability of the Corporation stood as follows:—

	Rs.	A.	P.
Unpaid balance of 6 per cent. Debenture Loan of 1866	5,000	0	0
5 per cent. Debenture Loans	1,44,01,900	0	0
4½ " "	30,48,300	0	0
4 " "	18,00,000	0	0
	1,92,55,200	0	0
Balance of Consolidated Loans from Government	46,01,367	8	8
Total	2,38,56,567	8	8

A new loan of 20 lakhs, bearing interest at the rate of 3½ per cent. per annum and repayable in 15 years, was raised during the year, and Rs. 2,71,611-2-7 of the consolidated loans from Government were repaid, leaving a balance of Rs. 2,55,84,956-6-2 as the loan liability of the Corporation at the close of the year. Against this they had in their reserve funds, and in the special fund for the repayment of the loan of 1866, a total sum of

Rs. 18,34,182-15-10. Since the close of the year the Corporation have obtained the sanction of the Government of India to the raising of a further loan of 20 lakhs, bearing interest not exceeding 4 per cent., and repayable in 21 years.

6. *Income and Expenditure.*—The following statement compares the receipts and expenditure of the Municipality for the past two years:—

RECEIPTS.				1895-96.	1896-97.
				Rs.	Rs.
General rate at 9½ per cent.	...	...	...	17,45,255	17,92,531
Sewage " 2 " "	...	...	...	8,67,683	8,77,408
Water " 6 " "	...	...	...	11,02,295	11,82,123
Lighting " 2 " "	...	...	...	3,67,437	3,77,375
Total of consolidated taxation at 19½ per cent.				35,82,710	36,79,437
Taxes on trades and professions, carriages and animals, &c.				5,45,274	5,52,574
Municipal market receipts	...	...	...	1,36,996	1,84,890
Receipts from the sale of water	...	...	...	1,25,541	1,46,950
Conservancy receipts	...	...	...	67,759	70,446
Road department receipts	...	...	...	36,477	35,254
Slaughter-house receipts	...	...	...	45,062	37,971
All other receipts	...	...	...	1,30,964	1,40,776
Total				46,70,783	47,98,298
EXPENDITURE.				1895-96.	1896-97.
				Rs.	Rs.
Interest on loans	...	...	...	5,45,761	5,72,648
Contribution for repayment of loans	...	...	...	2,15,517	2,29,460
General establishment	...	...	...	4,01,893	4,07,941
General office expenditure	...	...	...	1,02,469	99,383
Road department	...	...	...	4,28,744	4,30,613
Street watering	...	...	...	86,874	89,668
Gowkhana	...	...	...	1,93,343	2,00,188
Conservancy	...	...	...	1,59,152	1,55,139
Busti cleaning	...	...	...	98,261	97,153
Sewer cleaning and relaying charges	...	...	...	97,553	93,398
Hospital and vaccination charges	...	...	...	71,421	78,634
Suburban improvements	...	...	...	1,70,228	1,40,862
All other expenditure from the general fund	...	...	...	4,15,759	3,85,335
Sewage-rate charges	...	...	...	2,72,309	2,84,162
Water-rate "	...	...	...	11,50,578	11,65,803
Lighting-rate "	...	...	...	4,17,297	4,45,949
Total				48,27,159	48,76,336

The total income exceeded that of the previous year by Rs. 1,27,515, of which Rs. 47,236, Rs. 29,828, Rs. 9,938, and Rs. 9,725 represent increased income under general rate, water-rate, lighting rate and sewage rate, respectively, which is said to be due to the enhancement of assessment on revaluation and to better collections. The balance of the increase was made up under the heads of license and registration fees, fines, conservancy receipts, hospitals, vaccination, and other miscellaneous receipts. The total expenditure exceeded that of the previous year by Rs. 49,177. The increase was due chiefly to more interest having been paid on loans, and to the extraordinary expenditure incurred on conservancy for the purpose of protecting Calcutta from the plague.

7. *Financial position.*—The year opened with a net cash balance of Rs. 2,86,819 at credit of the Revenue Funds, and a net credit balance of Rs. 3,98,464 in the Capital Funds. During the year the total receipts of the Revenue Funds, as shown in paragraph 6 above, amounted to Rs. 47,98,298, and the expenditure to Rs. 48,76,336, leaving a net balance of Rs. 2,08,781 to be carried to account, while the receipts of the Capital Funds, added to the opening balance, amounted to Rs. 26,11,379, and the expenditure to Rs. 10,19,244, leaving a net credit balance of Rs. 15,92,135.

8. *Assessment and collection of the consolidated rate.*—During the year under report the revaluation of houses, lands and bustis in the town, after the disposal of appeals filed under section 135 of the Calcutta Municipal Act, resulted in a net increase of Rs. 2,75,976. The assessed annual valuation of the town on the 31st March 1897 therefore stood at Rs. 2,04,16,541 against Rs. 2,01,40,565, the figure at which it stood on the 31st March 1896. The number of objections against enhanced assessments, including 891, remaining from the previous year was 2,026. Of these 981 were disposed of, leaving 1,045 pending at the close of the year.

The current demand of the consolidated rate was Rs. 38,75,914 against Rs. 38,15,233 in the previous year, showing an increase of Rs. 60,681 due to the revision of assessments. Added to this there was an outstanding balance of Rs. 4,94,616 remaining from the previous year, so that the gross demand for the year was Rs. 43,70,530. The gross collections amounted to Rs. 36,67,467 against Rs. 35,79,462, the amount realized in the previous year. The percentage of collections on the gross demand was 83·91, which represents some improvement on the proportion of 81·40 collected in the previous year. The incidence of the consolidated rate per head of the population of Calcutta was Rs. 5-15-5 against Rs. 5-14 in the previous year, and that of the total municipal taxation Rs. 6-13-10 against Rs. 6-15-0.

9. There was a satisfactory increase in the collections made during the year in the Collector's Department, the amount collected being Rs. 28,07,212, or a percentage of 86·94 on the demand, against Rs. 27,40,685, or a percentage of 85·44, in the previous year. The Joint Collector's Department, however, was not so successful. The collections amounted to Rs. 6,25,655 against Rs. 6,25,358 in the previous year. The percentage of collections on the demand was 82·54 against 83·09. There was an appreciable increase in the realizations of the Warrant Department, the amount realized for consolidated rate-bills being Rs. 2,34,600 as compared with Rs. 2,13,419, the amount realized in the previous year. Since the close of the year the Warrant Department has been reorganized, and it is hoped that this will lead to a great improvement in the collections.

10. *License and Registration Department.*—The following statement compares the gross receipts under the several heads in this department for the past two years:—

	1895-96.			1896-97.		
	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
I.—Tax on trades and professions ...	3,45,564	12	2	3,44,908	7	9
II.—Tax on carriages and animals ...	1,44,739	8	7	1,49,088	3	3
III.—Cart registration fees ...	77,616	8	0	80,126	4	0
IV.—Fees for the removal of trade refuse	64,537	2	0	65,818	4	0
V.—License fees for cow-sheds, &c. ...	53	8	0	135	8	0
VI.—Registration fees for hackney carriages, &c. ...	19,354	6	0	19,455	8	6
VII.—Miscellaneous receipts ...	1,031	6	0	773	3	0
VIII.—Fines under section 90 of the Calcutta Municipal Act ...	7,283	2	9	7,843	4	0
IX.—Fines under section 80 of the Calcutta Municipal Act ..	1,220	8	0	1,095	0	0
Total ...	6,61,400	13	6	6,69,243	10	6

The total receipts exceeded those of the previous year by Rs. 7,843. The total number of licenses for professions, trades and callings fell from 27,562 to 26,881, and the decline in the yield of the tax is ascribed partly to delays in issuing process and partly to the depressed state of trade during the year. The number of licenses issued for carriages was 5,205 against 5,245, and that for animals 6,273 against 6,877. The number of carts registered was 20,056 against 19,453 in the previous year. The number of hackney carriages registered was 3,636 against 3,607, the increase being in the number of third class carriages.

11. *Survey.*—Forty-one surveys were made and plans drawn up in connection with projects of improvements and boundary disputes and for the sale of land;

and about 298 cases of encroachment and demarcation of boundaries of properties abutting on public grounds, besides 466 miscellaneous cases, were enquired into and reported on.

12. *Market, lighting, and printing.*—The income realized from the Municipal Market declined from Rs. 1,33,883 to Rs. 1,32,433, or by Rs. 1,650, due chiefly to the falling off in the meat-supply and the consequent loss in fees from stalls and for the cartage of meat from the slaughter-house. The profit derived by the Commissioners from the market after paying all expenses amounted to Rs. 1,06,077 against Rs. 1,13,049 realized in the previous year. The new poultry range was completed and occupied during the year, and forms a valuable addition to the market. The number of gas and oil lamps in Calcutta, including the added area, on the 31st March 1897, were 6,391 and 2,061, respectively, against 6,254 and 2,046 on the 31st March 1896. The total cost of lighting in the Town and Suburbs was Rs. 3,92,258 against Rs. 3,91,460 in the previous year, showing an increase of Rs. 798 on account of the increased number of lamps. The electric lighting of Harrison Road, which had broken down owing to the decay of the underground cables, was resumed with overhead conductors, wired in accordance with the regulations of the English Board of Trade. An arrangement has been made with Messrs. Kilburn and Company to work the plant for a yearly payment of Rs. 9,750. The lighting has been satisfactory under the altered conditions. Much work was done in the Printing Department, which brought in a net profit of Rs. 2,581 to the Corporation.

13. *Litigation.*—The number of fresh civil suits instituted by the Corporation during the year was 40, of which 38 were for the recovery of dues, the amount involved being Rs. 22,448. Of the 38 cases 36 were decreed, 1 was compromised, and 1 remained pending at the close of the year. The Corporation also appeared as plaintiff in 25 cases pending from the previous year, and of these 18 were decreed, 3 were compromised, 1 was dismissed, 1 was withdrawn owing to the death of the party, and 2 were left pending. The number of fresh civil suits in which the Corporation appeared as defendant was 6. Of these 1 was decided against and 1 in favour of the Corporation, and the remainder had not been disposed of at the close of the year. There were also 2 cases pending from the previous year, of which 1 was settled by arbitration in favour of the Corporation, and 1 was compromised. The number of cases instituted by the Corporation in the Police Court was 25,778, against 19,785 in the previous year, being an increase of 5,993 cases chiefly contributed by the Conservancy Department, which instituted 4,660 cases more than in the previous year. Of the total number of cases instituted, 13,497 were successful, 630 were dismissed, 6,590 were withdrawn, and 5,061 remained pending at the close of the year. The Commissioners rightly observe that the fines were very small, and so far from having a deterrent effect, are likely to serve as a direct incentive to persons to disregard the provisions. The remedy is probably to be found in the appointment of a Magistrate for the trial of municipal cases under section 422 of the Act. The cost of litigation was Rs. 14,255 against Rs. 22,413 in 1895-96.

14. *Education.*—The amount spent by the Commissioners on primary education during the year was Rs. 2,939, against Rs. 3,250, the amount spent in the previous year. The money was distributed among 69 schools in the several wards of the town. Although the grant has been reduced, the number of schools aided is slightly larger than in the previous year.

15. *Town and busti improvement.*—The total amount expended on town and busti improvements was Rs. 52,576 against Rs. 74,084 in the previous year. The Capital Fund from which this expenditure is met opened the year with a balance of Rs. 41,643. The receipts amounted to Rs. 73,066, and the balance at the end of the year was Rs. 62,133. Of the total expended, Rs. 25,070 represents expenditure on town improvements, which consisted chiefly in the opening of a new road connecting Kumartooly Street with Schalch's Street, the widening of the road south of Dalhousie Square, the improvement of Council House Street, and the widening and improving of other streets and lands. The remainder was expended on busti improvements, such as the construction of busti roads, bathing platforms, latrines, the filling of tanks, &c. Rs. 3,551 was spent in the improvement of the bustis in Hastings.

16. *Engineer's Department.*—The daily supply of filtered and unfiltered water amounted to 26,169,476 gallons, against 25,977,814 gallons in the previous year. About $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles of pipes were added to the distribution system for filtered water, making the total length of filtered water main 312·96 miles. In addition to this 5,882 feet of 3-inch and 72 feet of 2-inch pipes were laid to extend the water-supply to the new Plague Hospital at Manicktolla. The total number of premises connected was 27,184. The average daily consumption of filtered water was 20,785,655 gallons against 20,284,181 in the previous year, the daily consumption per head being 41·42 gallons in the town and 10·94 gallons in the suburbs. By section 153 of the Act, the Commissioners are bound, so far as may be reasonably practicable, to supply filtered water at a pressure of 10 feet from 6 A.M. to 8 P.M., and at a pressure of 30 feet for two hours in the forenoon and one hour in the afternoon. The mains, however, which were laid down to carry a much smaller discharge, cannot supply more than twenty millions gallons without a serious loss of pressure, and so long as the pumps are occupied in forcing excessive quantities of water through constricted mains, the statutory pressure of thirty feet cannot be kept up. The length of the unfiltered water mains was increased by about 3 miles, and the total length is now 78·78 miles, with which are connected 1,562 premises, 153 public conveniences, 52 bathing-platforms, 305 sewer-flushing chambers, and 2,929 ground hydrants. The daily consumption of unfiltered water per head of the population was 12·47 gallons. Steps have been taken by the Commissioners, on the advice of their Health Officer, to substitute filtered for unfiltered water at all bathing platforms. This will greatly increase the consumption of filtered water, and it is questionable whether the supply will be equal to the demand. The Commissioners should consider whether anything can be done to prevent the water being wasted by persons using the bathing platforms.

A combined scheme for improving the outfall of the sewers of the Town proper, and for draining the suburbs and the area between the canal and the Circular Road was commenced during the year. Larger pumps are to be fixed at Palmer's Bridge, a new high-level sewer is to be constructed which will meet a high-level sewer intended for the suburban outfall, and the combined sewage of the Town and Suburbs is to be carried in a channel lined with masonry to a new outfall at Bainolla, some miles below the present outfall in the Balliaghata Canal. A main sewer is also to be constructed which will enter from Watgunge on the Hooghly bank, and passing under Tolly's Nala by gravitation, will discharge at a station to be established near the Rifle Range on the Eastern Bengal State Railway. The suburban outfall will be precisely similar to that now working at Palmer's Bridge. There will be two pumping-stations for the suburban main sewer, one at the Budge-Budge road and one at the outfall. The foundation-stone of the drainage works was laid by the Lieutenant-Governor, Sir Alexander Mackenzie, on the 26th November 1896. The temporary project for the suburban drainage has been carried out and is said to be working satisfactorily. In connexion with the extension of the sewerage system to the Suburbs, road projects have been undertaken which are of great importance to the Suburbs. The principal of these are the Badiapara road, which traverses a very filthy quarter of the Suburbs and will give a new and greatly needed means of access to the Kalighat temple, the extension of the Lansdowne road, the high-level sewer road, the improvement of the Hazra road, the storm-water escape and sewer road, and the Kalighat road.

17. *Health Department.*—The number of births recorded during the year 1896 was 12,603, which is higher than that recorded in any of the previous seven years, except 1892 and 1893, when the numbers were 12,638 and 13,492 respectively. The birth-rate per 1,000 of the population was 18·4 against 16·0 in 1895 and 17·82, the average of the previous seven years. The number of deaths recorded was 24,356, or a ratio of 35·7 per 1,000 of the population, against 27,031, or a ratio of 39·6 in 1895 and against 22,254, or a ratio of 32·7, the mean of the five years 1891 to 1895. The following statement compares the mortality from the different causes in the last two years:—

		Fevers.	Small-pox.	Bowel-complaints.	Cholera.	Other causes.	Total.
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1895	...	11,345	2,220	3,269	2,699	8,098	27,031
1896	...	9,564	69	2,967	3,449	8,307	24,356

This shows that while the mortality from all other causes, specially small-pox, declined, that from cholera increased considerably. The disease prevailed throughout the year, and was most virulent in the months of March, April and May. In April the number of deaths from cholera reached the high figure of 1,214. As a prophylactic against the disease, anti-choleraic inoculation according to M. Haffkine's method, was practised during the year on persons who voluntarily submitted to the operation; 2,500 such inoculations were performed. Vaccination against small-pox was carried on vigorously during the year, but owing to the comparative immunity which the town enjoyed from this disease the number of vaccinations fell considerably below that of the previous year. The total number of persons vaccinated was 11,976 against 54,982 in 1895. Of these 9,450 were cases of primary vaccination and 2,528 of re-vaccination. 90·8 per cent. of the primary vaccinations and 9·8 per cent. of the re-vaccinations were successful.

18. In order to protect Calcutta against the introduction of the plague from Bombay, and to check the spread of the disease if it should by any means be imported, a special staff was appointed by the Commissioners to cleanse and disinfect filthy houses and localities. The operations of this staff were directed with great energy by Dr. C. Banks, who was appointed temporarily to be Chief Superintendent of Conservancy. An enormous quantity of accumulated filth and refuse was removed from various parts of the town, drains were cleansed, and houses and privies washed with lime. For the purpose of detecting cases of plague, the town was divided into 17 sanitary circles, each under the charge of a medical man, whose duties were to ascertain what sickness prevailed in his district and, as far as possible, the cause of death. These officers were required to visit the lodging-houses, grain depôts and rag-shops, to keep a watch for at least 10 days over persons arriving from infected areas, and to report to the Chief Superintendent any premises requiring special cleaning. A plague hospital was constructed at Manicktola, and sites were selected and provision made for the construction of other hospitals as soon as the necessity for them should arise. Two ambulances were constructed, and orders have been given for an Equifex sprayer at a cost of Rs. 4,000, and an Equifex steam disinfector at a cost of Rs. 15,000. Within the last few months the revival of plague in Bombay and its appearance in other parts of India have rendered it necessary to take further precautions for the protection of the city of Calcutta. By Plague Regulation No. 9 of the 10th November, extensive powers have been conferred upon the Chairman, including the powers of appointing Health Officers and Assistant Health Officers, and of fixing their pay. In the event of plague reaching Calcutta, it will be the duty of the Chairman to exercise these powers at once; but until that necessity arises, the Lieutenant-Governor does not wish to interfere with the discretion vested in the Chairman by the Regulation. It is understood that a complete scheme has been prepared showing what action should be taken on the occurrence of the first case, and the further measures to be adopted in the event of the infection spreading. Under the orders conveyed in Resolution No. 465T.—M. of the 10th November, the scheme will be submitted to the Plague Commission for examination. The object of the Government is to secure that, without incurring any needless expenditure, the authorities responsible for the protection of the City from plague, shall be placed in such a position that no emergency can take them unawares.

19. A special Commission was appointed by Government during the year to consider and report on the question of framing suitable building regulations for the Town of Calcutta. The report of the Commission has not yet been received.

By order of the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal,

H. H. RISLEY,

Secretary to the Government of Bengal.

**RESOLUTION ON THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ZOOLOGICAL
GARDEN, CALCUTTA, FOR 1896-97.**

REVENUE DEPARTMENT—MISCELLANEOUS.

Calcutta, the 3rd December 1897.

RESOLUTION—No. 3633.

READ—

The Report of the Honorary Committee for the management of the Zoological Garden, Calcutta, for the year 1896-97.

The total receipts of the Garden amounted to Rs. 55,607, against Rs. 44,347 in the previous year, while the expenditure fell from Rs. 44,106 in 1895-96 to Rs. 42,211 during the year under report. The increase in the receipts is more apparent than real, and is due to the inclusion of Rs. 14,964, being portion of a Government grant of Rs. 20,000 made for improvements. Rupees 5,036 of the grant were spent by the Public Works Department in raising the land known as Begunbari, and a part of the balance was spent by the Committee on building accommodation for servants and cattle. If this sum is left out of account, the receipts during the year amount to Rs. 40,643, showing a decrease of Rs. 3,704 from those of the previous year. The income fell off under all heads, except those of fees for the admission of carriages and of fees for fishing. The closing balance increased from Rs. 4,985 to Rs. 18,318, which amount includes the unexpended portion of the Government grant referred to above.

2. The number of visitors admitted to the Garden on payment in 1896-97 was 160,008, against 165,152 in the previous year. The decrease is possibly due to some extent to the pressure of high prices during a year of scarcity.

The following statement shows the number of visitors who paid entrance money in each year, since 1891-92:—

Years.				Number of visitors.
1891-92	...	...	...	116,382
1892-93	...	...	...	139,173
1893-94	...	...	...	162,449
1894-95	...	...	...	154,532
1895-96	...	...	...	165,152
1896-97	...	...	...	160,008

3. Two hundred and sixty-three additions were made during the year to the collection of animals in the Garden, consisting of 72 mammals, 102 birds and 89 reptiles. Seven animals were born in the garden, and the rest were obtained by presentation or purchase. The Committee specially thank the Nawab Bahadur of Murshidabad, Nawab Ashanullah Khan Bahadur of Dacca, Mr. W. B. DeCoursey, Deputy Commissioner of Peshawar, and the Raja of Khundah in Hazaribagh for their valuable presents.

4. Appendix E contains a list of the animals which are most wanted for the Garden. The Lieutenant-Governor trusts that the Committee will be able ere long to secure many of these animals. His Honour is glad to learn that a large number of students and teachers continue to avail themselves of the privilege of free admission to the Garden, though the Committee notice with regret that the primary object of this system of free admission remains yet unrealised, namely, to train young students to observe the habits and forms of animals. The Committee mention with commendation a little work entitled "Hours with Nature," published by Babu R. B. Sanyal, the Superintendent of the Garden, as well calculated to awaken an interest in the study of natural history in young people.

5. The Lieutenant-Governor observes with pleasure that the Committee have allowed a dozen inmates of the Dullunda Lunatic Asylum to be admitted free to the Garden every week; the privilege appears to be highly appreciated.

6. As in three previous years, experiments were conducted by Brigade-Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel D. D. Cunningham in the Joy Gobind Law Laboratory to test the efficacy of alleged remedies for cures of snake-bite; no report

was submitted, as Dr. Cunningham fell ill and was obliged to leave for England at short notice, and to resign the Presidentship of the Committee. The Lieutenant-Governor fully agrees with the Committee in their high appreciation of the valuable services rendered by Dr. Cunningham to the Garden, during his long connection with it, as a member of the Committee, as Honorary Secretary, and as President.

The Committee have also sustained a severe loss in the retirement (since the close of the year) of Colonel J. Waterhouse, I.S.C., who had been their Honorary Secretary for four years, and had taken a leading part in many schemes for the improvement of the Garden.

7. The thanks of the Lieutenant-Governor are again due to the members of the Committee for their efficient management of the Garden.

ORDER.—Ordered that a copy of the Resolution be forwarded to the Honorary Secretary to the Committee for information, and that it be published in the Gazette.

By order of the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal,

M. FINUCANE,

Secretary to the Govt. of Bengal.

FINANCIAL RESOLUTION.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.—FINANCE.

Calcutta, the 6th December 1897.

RESOLUTION—No. 6025F.

THE Lieutenant-Governor is now in a position to review the actual financial results of the year 1895-96, the revised estimates for 1896-97 and the budget estimates for 1897-98. The Accountant-General's memorandum on the accounts of the year 1895-96 has been received; and although the accounts of 1896-97 have not yet been finally closed, the approximate figures for twelve months given in his accounts for March 1897 are sufficient for practical purposes. The figures of the revenue and expenditure of the first five months of the current year have been received from the Accountant-General, and these afford sufficient data for a revised forecast of the probable position of the Province in the first year of the new contract.

PART I.

Accounts, 1895-96.

2. The approximate actuals adopted in the Financial Resolution No. 769T.F., dated the 10th October 1896, assumed that the year 1895-96 had opened with a credit balance of Rs. 43,21,996 and had closed with a balance of Rs. 57,89,149, that the total amount available for expenditure during the year was Rs. 5,01,49,092, and that of this sum Rs. 4,43,59,943 had been spent. The actual result was more favourable than this by Rs. 30,928. The amount actually available for expenditure was Rs. 5,01,73,517, and the amount actually expended Rs. 4,43,53,440, leaving a closing balance of Rs. 58,20,077. The actuals furnished by the Accountant-General in his memorandum on the accounts of the year are compared in the following table with the approximate actuals adopted in the Financial Resolution of October 1896 quoted above:—

RECEIPTS.		HEADS.	EXPENDITURE.	
Approximate actuals adopted in October 1896.	Final actuals.		Approximate actuals adopted in October 1896.	Final actuals.
1	2	3	4	5
Rs.	Rs.		Rs.	Rs.
3,33,44,159	3,33,47,356	Principal heads of Revenue ...	63,49,912	63,39,793
2,12,995	2,12,992	Interest ...	1,91,772	1,91,178
5,286	5,286	Post Office and Telegraph ...	4,774	4,775
38,69,875	38,69,795	Civil Departments ...	2,47,22,293	2,47,25,223
12,13,162	12,34,470	Miscellaneous ..	32,16,990	32,18,246
43,53,005	43,53,007	Railways ...	564	564
23,10,119	23,10,120	Irrigation and Navigation ...	53,32,004	53,32,004
5,18,419	5,18,419	Buildings and Roads ...	32,76,330	32,76,153
76	76	Contributions ...	12,65,504	12,65,504
4,58,27,096	4,58,51,521	Total ...	4,43,59,943	4,43,53,440
43,21,996	43,21,996	Opening balance ...	.....	.....
.....	.....	Closing balance ...	57,89,149	58,20,077
5,01,49,092	5,01,73,517	GRAND TOTAL ...	5,01,49,992	5,01,73,517
.....	.....	Provincial Surplus ...	14,67,153	14,98,081

3. There was an increase of Rs. 24,425 on the receipt side, of which Rs. 2,880 was under *Provincial Rates* due to increased collections of Public Works Cess, and Rs. 20,835 under *Miscellaneous* owing to the adjustment of certain unclaimed deposits for 1892-93 and 1894-95 in the accounts of 1895-96.

4. On the expenditure side the actual charges show a decrease of Rs. 6,503 only, which is more than covered by the decrease under *Land Revenue* (Rs. 11,637) owing to the adjustment of a part of the cost of the office establishment of the Director of Land Records and Agriculture against the Imperial grant for the Bihar Settlement Operations.

PART II.

Approximate Actuals, 1896-97.

5. The following table compares the approximate actuals for 1896-97 with the revised estimates as passed by the Government of India in March last, and shows that, according to the latest information, the receipts were better than the revised estimate by Rs. 4,38,255, while the expenditure exceeded the revised estimate by Rs. 7,47,620. Taking into consideration a small increase of Rs. 77 in the opening balance, the net result is a reduction of the closing balance by Rs. 3,09,288. The details of these fluctuations are discussed in the following paragraphs:—

RECEIPTS.	Revised estimate passed by the Government of India.	Approximate actuals.	EXPENDITURE.	Revised estimate passed by the Government of India.	Approximate actuals.
1	2	3	4	5	6
Opening balance ...	Rs. 58,30,000	Rs. 58,30,077	Direct demand on the Revenues—	Rs.	Rs.
Principal Heads of Revenue—			1. Refunds and Drawbacks ...	1,82,000	1,86,383
I.—Land Revenue ... { Proper	1,91,30,000	1,90,91,567	2. Assignments and Compensations ...	1,53,000	1,64,647
{ Adjustments ...	-13,04,000	-13,62,434	3. Land Revenue ...	26,70,000	27,22,316
III.—Salt ...	1,58,000	1,84,239	4. Salt ...	53,000	53,799
IV.—Stamps ...	1,30,00,000	1,31,80,722	5. Stamps ...	5,00,000	5,03,321
V.—Excise ...	33,87,000	33,49,428	6. Excise ...	1,72,000	1,74,106
VI.—Provincial Rates ...	44,34,000	44,57,311	7. Provincial Rates ...	75,000	74,204
VII.—Customs ...	94,000	94,114	8. Customs ...	7,51,000	7,60,223
VIII.—Assessed Taxes ...	24,60,000	24,50,214	9. Assessed Taxes ...	90,000	91,221
IX.—Forests ...	5,00,000	5,06,425	10. Forests ...	3,33,000	3,45,021
X.—Registration ...	7,60,000	7,72,344	11. Registration ...	4,17,000	4,26,170
Total ...	3,57,39,000	3,57,72,138	Total ...	64,17,000	65,00,901
XII.—Interest ...	2,45,000	2,51,676	Interest—		
Post Office, Telegraph and Mint—			13. Interest on ordinary debt ...	2,17,000	2,14,679
XIII.—Post Office ...	...	263	Post Office, Telegraph and Mint—		
Receipts by Civil Department—			14. Post Office ...	5,000	4,919
XVI.—Law and Justice—			Salaries and expenses of Civil Department—		
Courts of Law ...	8,25,000	8,23,123	15. General Administration ...	17,03,000	17,56,130
Jails ...	8,89,000	9,70,703	16. Law and Justice ... { Courts of Law	32,90,000	33,01,306
XVII.—Police ...	1,91,000	1,88,435	{ Jails ...	34,70,000	35,32,701
XVIII.—Marine ...	9,64,000	9,57,027	17. Police ...	61,70,000	62,19,334
XIX.—Education ...	5,68,000	5,64,086	18. Marine ...	8,75,000	8,73,038
XX.—Medical ...	2,12,000	1,98,848	19. Education ...	26,75,000	27,37,738
XXI.—Scientific and other Minor Departments ...	2,08,000	2,03,980	20. Medical ...	19,44,000	19,45,387
Total ...	33,58,000	33,85,792	21. Political ...	19,100	21,617
Miscellaneous—			22. Scientific and other Minor Departments	4,32,000	4,42,310
XXII.—Receipts in aid of Superannuation ...	40,000	54,170	Total ...	3,51,80,000	3,56,39,700
XXIII.—Stationery and Printing ...	1,50,000	1,28,216	Miscellaneous—		
XXIV.—Miscellaneous ...	9,28,000	9,12,000	23. Superannuation, &c. ...	19,15,000	19,18,361
Total ...	11,27,000	10,94,386	24. Stationery and Printing ...	11,00,000	10,97,809
Railways—			25. Miscellaneous ...	2,50,000	2,42,160
XXV.—State Railways (net earnings) ...	44,80,000	44,81,580	Total ...	22,65,000	23,58,016
Irrigation—			Famine Relief and Insurance—		
XXIX.—Major Works (direct receipts) ...	12,00,000	12,09,013	26. Famine Relief ...	19,50,000	22,80,390
XXX.—Minor Works and Navigation—			Railways (Revenue Account)—		
By Public Works Department ...	5,75,000	5,74,941	27. Miscellaneous Railway Expenditure ...	...	-117
By Civil Department ...	1,16,000	1,32,985	Irrigation—		
Total ...	24,51,000	27,16,940	28. Major Works—		
Buildings and Roads—			Working Expenses ...	12,75,000	13,61,661
XXXII.—Civil Works—			Interest on debt ...	24,04,900	24,64,143
By Public Works Department ...	2,25,000	2,71,860	29. Minor Works and Navigation—		
By Civil Department ...	2,33,000	2,46,000	By Public Works Department ...	12,00,000	17,78,300
Total ...	4,58,000	5,17,860	By Civil Department ...	4,500	4,911
Contributions ...	...	1,17,933	Total ...	55,43,000	55,23,143
Total ...	4,53,81,000	4,68,19,255	30. Civil Works—		
GRAND TOTAL ...	5,22,01,000	5,28,30,332	By Public Works Department ...	37,17,000	38,24,875
			By Civil Department ...	2,00,000	3,04,376
			Total ...	39,17,000	38,29,940
			Contributions ...	15,50,000	16,65,160
			Total ...	4,99,24,000	4,99,41,290
			Closing Balance ...	41,07,000	37,97,713
			GRAND TOTAL ...	5,22,01,000	5,28,30,332
			Provincial Surplus (+) or Deficit (—) ...	(-317,13,000)	(-30,22,300)

RECEIPTS.

6. *Land Revenue.*—The Accountant-General's March account shows that the total collections under this head in 1896-97 amounted to Rs. 3,87,67,700 against Rs. 3,92,00,000 passed by the Government of India as the revised estimate for the year. The decrease is attributed chiefly to failure of crops. The actuals include Rs. 1,52,255 recovered from landholders on account of survey and settlement charges, which were wholly Imperial. The 12 per cent. on collections from Government estates came to Rs. 4,63,607 against Rs. 4,90,000 adopted in the revised estimate passed by the Government of India. The Provincial share of Land Revenue was therefore one-fourth of (Rs. 3,87,67,700—1,52,255—4,63,607) plus Rs. 4,63,607, or Rs. 1,00,01,567. The adjustments between Imperial and Provincial Revenues will probably result in a net deduction of Rs. 13,62,634 from the Provincial share of Land Revenue as shown below :—

	Revised estimate passed by the Government of India.	Approximate actuals.
	Rs.	Rs.
From Imperial to Provincial—		
Advance for the Hijili Tidal Canal ...	24,000	36,362
Grant for transfer of Imperial buildings to the charge of local bodies ...	45,000	42,801
Assignment for Gnatong Police ...	16,000	15,650
Grant to meet the cost of additional Customs establishments for Calcutta and Chittagong ...	2,12,000	1,91,913
Salary, passage-money and outfit allowance of probationer gardeners for the Royal Botanic Garden ...	1,000	2,442
Towing charges of the <i>Rhotas</i> ...	10,000	10,000
Grant for the transfer of Observatory buildings to the charge of the Provincial Public Works Department ...	1,000	1,491
Assignment for loss of revenue on account of the discontinuance of the system of prepayment of duty in Bengal on ganja exported to the North-Western Provinces and Oudh ...	.....	10,967
Total ...	3,09,000	3,11,626
From Provincial to Imperial—		
Lump contribution under the contract ...	14,39,000	14,39,000
Interest on advance for the Hijili Tidal Canal ...	29,000	29,510
Contribution towards the cost of a clock for the General Post Office ...	5,000	5,000
Grant for temporary establishment for the office of the Meteorological Reporter, Bengal, for re- calculation of Meteorological mean value pub- lished in the Provincial Weather Report ...	.....	750
Half of the deferred interest payable by the Port Commissioners, Calcutta, on the Kidder- pore Dock loans ...	2,00,000	2,00,000
Total ...	16,73,000	16,74,260
Net transfer from Provincial to Imperial ...	13,64,000	13,62,634

7. The actual expenditure on the remodelling of the Hijili Tidal Canal in 1896-97 amounted to Rs. 36,362. The expenditure on Military and Imperial Civil Works, including the percentage charges for establishment and tools and plant, as reported by the Public Works Department, amounted to Rs. 42,801, and a credit has been taken for this amount against Rs. 45,000 passed in the revised estimate for the year. In April 1896 the Government of India directed the discontinuance of the system of prepayment of duty on Bengal ganja exported to the North-Western Provinces and Oudh, and authorized such ganja to be exported in bond. They also expressed their readiness to compensate the Government of Bengal for any loss of revenue which might result from the introduction of the new system during 1896-97. An application has already been made to the Supreme Government for an assignment of Rs. 10,967, being the loss incurred by Provincial revenues in consequence of the change, and a credit of this amount has been provisionally taken.

8. *Salt*.—The actual receipts in 1895-96 under rent of warehouses were abnormally high (Rs. 1,78,408), and the estimate for 1896-97 was originally passed for Rs. 1,75,000. In view of the decline in receipts in the first eight months of the year, the revised estimate was reduced to Rs. 1,53,000, but the actual collections proved to be lower still and reached Rs. 1,34,239 only. The decrease was due to heavy deliveries from the golahs and smaller stocks in bond.

9. *Stamps*.—The total receipts amounted to Rs. 1,75,74,296 against Rs. 1,74,25,000, the revised estimate passed by the Government of India. Three-fourths of this sum or Rs. 1,31,80,722 have accordingly been taken as the Provincial share of the receipts, as against Rs. 1,30,69,000 in the revised estimate, showing an increase of Rs. 1,11,722. The increase occurred under general stamps, and was due to the execution of a large number of mortgages and deeds of sale owing to the prevailing scarcity and failure of crops.

10. *Excise*.—The receipts amounted to Rs. 1,33,99,312 against Rs. 1,35,50,000, the revised estimate passed by the Government of India. One-fourth of this sum or Rs. 33,49,828 has been taken as the share of the Local Government. The decrease was general, and was due to famine and high prices of food-grain prevailing in all the districts of Bengal.

11. *Forest*.—The receipts amounted to Rs. 13,70,849 against Rs. 12,80,000, the revised estimate passed by the Government of India. One-half of this sum or Rs. 6,85,425 has been taken as the share of the Local Government. The increase was due to the demand for sleepers from the Government forests.

12. *Interest*.—The actuals amounted to Rs. 2,31,876 against Rs. 2,45,000, the revised estimate as shown below :—

Class		Revised estimate passed by the Government of India.	Approximate actuals.
		Rs.	Rs.
I.	Interest on advances to cultivators	24,000	16,836
II.	Ditto ditto under special laws	34,000	25,637
III.	Interest on loans to landholders and other notabilities	3,000	3,551
IV.	Interest on loans to Municipalities, District Boards and other Public Bodies	1,25,000	1,24,387
	Interest on Government securities	12,000	11,834
	Miscellaneous	47,000	49,581
	Total	2,45,000	2,31,876

13. *Jails*.—The original estimate for 1896-97 was passed by the Government of India for Rs. 8,58,000 with reference to the actuals of 1894-95, amounting to Rs. 8,52,000. The receipts in the first nine months of 1896-97 showed an increase, and the revised estimate was placed at Rs. 8,89,000. The actual receipts showed a still further increase due to larger supplies to the Military Department and amounted to Rs. 9,70,703.

14. *Marine*.—The receipts were Rs. 9,37,027 against Rs. 9,64,000, the revised estimate passed by the Government of India. The decrease was in Pilotage receipts.

15. *Stationery and Printing*.—The budget estimate of Rs. 1,32,000 was raised by the Government of India to Rs. 1,50,000 in the revised estimates. The actuals amounted to Rs. 1,28,216 as shown below :—

	Budget estimate.	Revised estimate.	Approximate actuals.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Stationery receipts	1,000	2,000	1,172
Sale of gazettes and other publications	98,000	1,07,000	94,567
Other press receipts	33,000	41,000	32,477
Total	1,32,000	1,50,000	1,28,216

16. <i>Miscellaneous.</i> —The revised estimate as passed by the Government of India amounted to Rs. 9,28,000, and the approximate actuals reported by the Accountant-General in the account of March 1897 aggregate Rs. 8,92,486; but these figures are liable to adjustment. The average actuals of the past five years (1891-92 to 1895-96) amounted to Rs. 9,12,000, and this amount will be adopted as the latest estimate for the year.		
	Rs.	
1891-92	8,36,000	
1892-93	8,27,000	
1893-94	8,63,000	
1894-95	10,13,000	
1895-96	10,23,000	
	45,62,000	
Average	9,12,000	

17. *Railways.*—The following statement compares the budget and revised estimates as passed by the Government of India with the actuals of the year:—

	Budget estimate.	Revised estimate.	Actuals.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Gross receipts	1,30,00,000	1,48,00,000	1,50,05,866
Working expenses	56,75,000	59,00,000	60,40,686
Net receipts	73,25,000	89,00,000	89,65,180
Provincial share	36,63,000	44,50,000	44,82,590

The increase in receipts was due to the carriage of larger quantities of jute and grain and stores for construction, while the increase in expenditure arose partly from the enhanced traffic and partly from the opening of new stations.

18. *Irrigation—Major Works.*—The total receipts amounted, as shown below, to Rs. 19,09,613 against Rs. 16,90,000, the revised estimate, and Rs. 15,00,000, the budget estimate, for the year:—

	Budget estimate.	Revised estimate.	Actuals.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Orissa Project	3,45,000	4,15,000	4,74,217
Midnapore Canal	2,40,000	2,43,000	2,79,757
Tidal Canal	60,000	85,000	90,946
Sone Project	8,55,000	9,47,000	10,64,93
Total	15,00,000	16,90,000	19,09,613

The increase is mainly due to (1) enhanced receipts under water-rates owing to the great demand for canal water caused by the failure of the rainfall; (2) better collections arising from the high prices obtained by the cultivators; (3) the realisation of arrear demands on the Orissa and Sone Canals; and (4) to larger transport receipts due to the demand for rice.

19. *Civil Works by Public Works Department.*—The original estimate of receipts under this head was Rs. 1,80,000, which was raised to Rs. 2,28,000 in the revised estimate, so as to provide for an estimated increase in the profit of the Calcutta Workshops and in the Government share of the surplus profits of the Darjeeling-Himalayan Railway for the year ending 30th June 1896. The actual receipts on these two accounts were, however, more than were anticipated, amounting to Rs. 36,507 and Rs. 63,649, respectively, and the revenue was thus brought up to Rs. 2,71,369.

20. *Contributions.*—The Accountant-General's account for March 1897 shows that a sum of Rs. 1,17,933 was contributed by local funds to Provincial in aid of Famine Relief in addition to Rs. 2,87,000 adjusted as relief expenditure in the local accounts. The amounts shown under Contributions are given below:—

	Rs.
Khulna	23,000
Palamau	20,000
Muzaffarpur	40,000
Patna	3,000
Malda	5,000
Dinajpur	1,000
Saran	18,000
Shahabad	10,000
Total	1,18,000

EXPENDITURE.

21. *Land Revenue*.—The total Provincial charges amounted to Rs. 37,22,516 against Rs. 36,70,000, the revised estimate passed by the Government of India, as shown below:—

		Revised estimate.	Approximate actuals.
		Rs.	Rs.
(1) Charges of District Administration	...	31,51,000	31,97,639
(2) Management of Government estates	...	4,30,000	4,29,062
(3) Land Records and Agriculture	...	89,000	95,815
Total	...	36,70,000	37,22,516

The increase under (1) was for salaries and supplies and services.

22. *Forests*.—The total charges of the Forest Department amounted to Rs. 6,90,042 against Rs. 6,65,000, the revised estimate for the year. The Provincial share of the charges was Rs. 3,45,021. The increase was mainly under timber and other produce removed from the forests by Government agency, and was more than covered by enhanced receipts.

23. *Law and Justice—Courts of Law*.—The total charges amounted to Rs. 89,61,305 against Rs. 88,90,000, the revised estimate passed by the Government of India. The increase was under Civil and Sessions Courts and Criminal Courts and was due partly to payments of compensation for dearness of provisions and partly to increased expenditure under salaries.

24. *Jails*.—The total expenditure of this department was Rs. 25,82,791 against Rs. 24,70,000, the revised estimate for the year. The increase was due to larger outlay for the purchase of raw materials required to meet the demands of the Military and Police Departments and was accompanied by a corresponding increase in receipts.

25. *Police*.—The total charges amounted to Rs. 62,19,324 against Rs. 61,10,000, the revised estimate for the year. The details are:—

		Revised estimate.	Approximate actuals.
		Rs.	Rs.
Presidency Police	...	7,74,000	7,84,179
Superintendence	...	1,53,000	1,65,903
District Executive Force	...	45,09,000	46,41,044
Municipal Police (Howrah Police)	...	45,000	41,294
Village "	...	20,000	20,208
Special "	...	4,84,000	4,55,282
Railway "	...	1,15,000	1,20,440
Cattle pounds	...	5,000	4,287
Refunds	...	5,000	2,737
Total	...	61,10,000	62,19,324

The increase occurred chiefly under the head District Executive Force, and was due partly to the opening of new outposts and to an increase in the number of Inspectors and Sub-Inspectors and their travelling allowances, but chiefly to compensation for the dearness of food-grains, a concession which was extended to the constables employed on watch and ward duty on railways and as punitive police.

26. *Education*.—The total charges amounted to Rs. 27,37,752 against Rs. 26,75,000, the revised estimate passed by the Government of India, as shown below:—

		Revised estimate.	Actuals.
		Rs.	Rs.
Direction	...	76,000	85,296
Inspection	...	3,81,000	3,31,741
Government Colleges, General	...	5,28,000	5,24,192
Ditto, Professional	...	1,70,000	1,74,569
Government Schools, General	...	5,67,000	5,74,080
Ditto, Special	...	1,48,000	1,64,945
Grants-in-aid	...	6,09,000	6,26,379
Scholarships	...	1,89,000	1,91,266
Miscellaneous	...	57,000	64,828
Refunds	...	.....	456
Total	...	26,75,000	27,37,752

The increase under Direction was due to the deputation of the Director of Public Instruction on special duty in connection with the reorganisation of the department. The increase under Government Schools represents the cost of furniture for the new boarding school for boys at Kurseong.

27. *Famine Relief*.—The total expenditure on famine relief for 1896-97, as passed by the Government of India, amounts to Rs. 23,00,000 thus:—

				India. Rs.
Imperial	...	...	...	.....
Provincial	...	...	...	18,50,000
Local	...	...	...	4,50,000
Total				<u>23,00,000</u>

The expenditure in 1896-97 as adjusted up to August 1897 amounted to Rs. 25,67,000, of which Rs. 2,87,000, has been taken against Local, and the balance, Rs. 22,80,000, against Provincial. If the local contributions to famine expenditure which have passed through the Provincial account are ultimately shown under relief in the local accounts, the distribution between Provincial and Local will be the following:—

				Rs.
Provincial	...	...	...	21,62,000
Local	...	...	...	4,05,000
Total				<u>25,67,000</u>

The details of the Provincial expenditure as already booked by the Accountant-General and the Examiner of Public Works Accounts are shown below:—

				Rs.	Rs.
Expenditure by Civil Department—					
Salaries and establishment	...	...	...	47,652	
Relief works	...	...	...	9,00,168	
Relief to people employed otherwise than on relief works	...	...	...	106	
Gratuitous relief	...	...	...	3,35,270	
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	6,77,303	
				<u>19,60,499</u>	
Expenditure by Public Works Department—					
Civil Works Branch—					
Original Works	Civil buildings	...	...	2,445	
	Communications	...	...	1,19,178	
	Miscellaneous public improvements	...	...	89,727	
				<u>2,11,350</u>	
Establishment	...	...	...	27,842	
Tools and plant	...	...	...	32,739	
Suspense	...	...	...	16,365	
				<u>2,88,296</u>	
Irrigation Branch—					
Works for which Capital and Revenue accounts are kept—Revenue	...	...	...	4,024	
Works for which neither Capital nor Revenue accounts are kept	...	...	...	10,620	
Agricultural works in the districts of Champaran and Nadia	...	...	...	16,844	
				<u>31,488</u>	
Total				...	<u>22,80,283</u>

28. *Irrigation—Major Works—Working expenses.*—The actual charges amounted to Rs. 12,81,881 against Rs. 13,75,000 provided for in the revised estimate. The decrease was distributed over all the canals and was due to economical working.

29. *Minor Works and Navigation.*—The works in charge of the Public Works Department cost Rs. 17,78,208 against Rs. 18,00,000 provided for in the revised estimate passed by the Government of India. The short outlay was due to an overestimate of the charges for "Establishment."

30. *Civil Works.*—The budget estimate of the Public Works Department was Rs. 43,00,000, but this was reduced on the revised estimate to Rs. 37,17,000, and the actual expenditure came to only Rs. 35,24,575. Funds were transferred to the Civil Department to meet expenditure incurred by District Boards on Provincial buildings in their charge, and some large projects for the improvement of the Medical College, Calcutta, were deferred in consequence of the famine. The increase of Rs. 44,000 in the Civil Department is chiefly for compensation for ferries resumed and larger contributions to Excluded Local Funds.

31. *Contributions.*—The total under this head amounted to Rs. 16,85,149 against Rs. 15,39,000 provided for in the revised estimate. The increase was due partly to special grants made to the District Boards of Dinajpur and Bogra for the construction of feeder roads and to the District Board of Jalpaiguri for the improvement of roads in the Duars and partly to the grants made to the Chaukidari Reward Funds in certain districts, equivalent to the surplus balances of the funds on the 31st March 1895, up to which date their receipts and payments were classified as Provincial revenue and expenditure.

32. *Closing Balance.*—The closing balance as shown above amounts to Rs. 37,97,712 against Rs. 41,07,000 estimated by the Government of India. The approximate actuals thus yield a result worse than the revised estimate by Rs. 8,09,288, which is more than accounted for by the increased expenditure on Famine Relief amounting to Rs. 4,30,283.

PART III.

The new Provincial Settlement.

33. A new settlement for the five years commencing from the 1st April 1897 has now been fixed by the Government of India. The chief alteration made in the conditions of the settlement is the imperialization of the receipts and charges of the Eastern Bengal State Railway, one-half of the net earnings of which was previously assigned to this Province, while by way of compensation for this loss of growing revenue, the Provincial share of the receipts from Excise has been raised from one-fourth to one-half. The only additional charges provincialised are the survey and settlement expenses other than in Bihar, and the pensionary charges for the servants of the Imperial Marine Department, and for Branch Pilots and other officers of the Provincial Marine Department, together with the allowances for their widows and orphans. The inter-provincial adjustments previously allowed with Upper Burma have been discontinued. On the other hand, as important administrative changes in the Salt Department are under consideration, the receipts and expenditure of that Department have been reserved for the present as Imperial. The settlement provides for an annual contribution of Rs. 14,19,000 to the Imperial Treasury from the assigned revenues of the Province against Rs. 14,39,000 paid during the currency of the last contract.

Budget Estimate, 1897-98.

34. The Lieutenant-Governor has already in separate Resolutions reviewed the estimates of receipts and charges for the current year. Later information,

however, has led to a modification of these in some respect. The following table shows the figures passed by the Government of India and the estimates which the Lieutenant-Governor has now decided to adopt :—

Receipts.	Budget estimate, 1897-98, passed by the Government of India.	Estimate, 1897-98 now adopted.	Charges.	Budget estimate, 1897-98, passed by the Government of India.	Estimate, 1897-98 now adopted.
1	2	3	4	5	6
Opening balance ...	Rs. 41,07,000	Rs. 37,98,000	Direct demand on the Revenues—	Rs.	Rs.
Principal Heads of Revenue—			1. Refunds and Drawbacks ...	1,71,000	1,71,000
I.—Land Revenue { Proper ...	1,01,42,000	1,01,42,000	2. Assignments and Compensations ...	1,64,000	1,64,000
IV.—Stamps ... { Adjustments... ..	—7,93,000	—7,93,000	3. Land Revenue ...	45,71,000	45,89,000
V.—Excise ...	1,30,63,000	1,32,75,000	6. Stamps ...	5,27,000	5,27,000
VI.—Provincial Rates ...	67,25,000	64,00,000	7. Excise ...	3,67,000	3,57,000
VII.—Customs ...	42,00,000	44,40,000	8. Provincial Rates ...	1,19,000	71,000
VIII.—Assessed Taxes ...	91,000	91,000	9. Customs ...	9,00,000	7,05,000
IX.—Forests ...	24,60,000	24,25,000	10. Assessed Taxes ...	90,000	90,000
X.—Registration ...	6,50,000	6,50,000	11. Forests ...	3,53,000	3,53,000
	7,10,000	7,50,000	12. Registration... ..	4,37,000	4,37,000
Total ...	3,72,41,000	3,73,80,000	Total ...	75,95,000	75,59,000
XII.—Interest ...	3,09,000	3,09,000	Interest—		
Post-office, Telegraph and Mint—			13. Interest on ordinary debt ...	2,15,000	2,40,000
XIII.—Post-office ...			Post-office, Telegraph and Mint—		
			15. Post-office ...	10,000	5,000
Receipts by Civil Department—			Salaries and expenses and Civil Department—		
XVI.—Law and Justice—			16. General Administration ...	17,98,000	17,15,000
Courts of Law ...	8,30,000	8,30,000	19. Law and Justice { Courts of Law ...	89,42,000	90,53,000
Jails ...	9,08,000	9,08,000	20. Police ... { Jails ...	22,32,000	22,47,000
XVII.—Police ...	1,80,000	2,00,000	21. Marine ...	61,18,000	63,17,000
XVIII.—Marine ...	9,54,000	10,80,000	22. Education ...	9,11,000	9,11,000
XIX.—Education ...	6,27,000	6,87,000	23. Medical ...	27,40,000	27,35,000
XX.—Medical ...	2,11,000	2,00,000	24. Political ...	19,18,000	20,00,000
XXI.—Scientific and other Minor Departments ...	1,23,000	2,00,000	25. Political ...	25,000	25,000
Total ...	39,83,000	39,75,000	26. Scientific and other Minor Departments ...	4,55,000	4,55,000
Miscellaneous—			Total ...	2,50,75,000	2,54,75,000
XXII.—Receipts in aid of Superannuation ...	60,000	60,000	Miscellaneous—		
XXIII.—Stationery and Printing ...	1,34,000	1,24,000	29. Superannuation, &c. ...	20,32,000	20,40,000
XXV.—Miscellaneous ...	9,35,000	9,12,000	30. Stationery and Printing ...	11,34,000	11,34,000
Total ...	11,29,000	10,96,000	32. Miscellaneous ...	2,57,000	2,57,000
Irrigation—			Total ...	34,23,000	34,31,000
XXIX.—Major Works (direct receipts) ...	16,50,000	16,50,000	Famine Relief and Insurance—		
XXX.—Minor Works and Navigation—			33. Famine Relief ...	23,18,000	16,73,000
By Public Works Department ...	6,60,000	6,60,000	Irrigation—		
„ Civil Department ...	1,16,000	1,80,000	42. Major Works—		
Total ...	24,25,000	24,46,000	Working expenses ...	14,46,000	14,46,000
Buildings and Roads—			Interest on debt ...	24,64,000	24,64,000
XXXII.—Civil Works—			43. Minor Works and Navigation—		
By Public Works Department ...	1,93,000	1,93,000	By Public Works Department ...	15,35,000	15,35,000
„ Civil Department ...	2,52,000	2,40,000	„ Civil Department ...	8,000	8,000
Total ...	4,45,000	4,33,000	Total ...	54,43,000	54,43,000
Contributions ...			Buildings and Roads—		
Total ...	4,84,83,000	4,56,30,000	44. Civil Works—		
GRAND TOTAL ...	4,95,90,000	4,94,27,000	By Public Works Department ...	33,50,000	33,76,000
			„ Civil Department ...	1,50,000	1,50,000
			Total ...	35,00,000	35,12,000
			Contributions ...	12,25,000	11,19,000
			Total ...	4,85,00,000	4,84,37,000
			Closing balance ...	10,00,000	10,00,000
			GRAND TOTAL ...	4,95,90,000	4,94,37,000
			Provincial surplus (+) or deficit (—) ...	(—) 31,07,000	(—) 27,000

35. *Land Revenue*.—The total collections in 1896-97 amounted to Rs. 3,87,67,700, including Rs. 1,52,255 on account of survey charges recovered in Bihar, and the estimate for 1897-98 has been passed by the Government of India for Rs. 3,92,50,000, including Rs. 3,00,000 for such recoveries which are wholly Imperial. The collections in the first six months of the current year were Rs. 1,28,49,000 against Rs. 1,29,24,000 in the corresponding period of last year, showing a decrease of Rs. 75,000. The average receipts of the past five years, excluding recoveries of survey and settlement charges, amounted to Rs. 3,87,53,000, while the corresponding receipts in 1896-97 were Rs. 3,86,15,445. The Settlement Officer, North Bihar, expects to recover $5\frac{1}{2}$ lakhs in the current year on account of survey and settlement charges in the three districts of Muzaffarpur, Champaran and Saran, provided the *bhudoi* and *aghani* harvests are good, and the Director of Land Records anticipates an increase of two lakhs in revenue in consequence of the new settlements in Orissa. There is therefore no reason to modify the estimate passed by the Government of India, which will accordingly be retained. The Provincial share will stand at Rs. 1,01,42,000. The adjustments between Provincial and Imperial will probably result in a net transfer of Rs. 7,93,000 to Imperial as shown below—

	Estimate passed by the Government of India. Rs.	Estimate now adopted. Rs.
Fixed contribution to Imperial Revenues under the terms of the contract	14,19,000	14,19,000
<i>Deduct—</i>		
Special assignment on account of survey and settlement expenditure ...	6,23,000	6,23,000
Special assignment for additional junior scholarships to pupils in Assam in recognition of the Jubilee	.....	3,000
Total ...	6,23,000	6,26,000
Net sum to be transferred ...	7,96,000	7,93,000

36. The Chief Commissioner of Assam has sanctioned the grant of certain additional junior scholarships to pupils in Assam in commemoration of the sixtieth anniversary of the reign of Her Majesty the Queen-Empress. As these scholarships are of a special nature, the Assam Administration has asked for the sanction of the Government of India to an additional grant to Bengal of Rs. 2,880 in 1897-98 and a similar sum in 1898-99 through the adjusting head of Land Revenue. A credit of Rs. 3,000 in round numbers has therefore been taken in the Provincial share of Land Revenue.

37. *Stamps*.—The estimate of total revenue under this head, as passed by the Government of India, amounts to Rs. 1,74,25,000. The Comptroller-General's statement shows that the receipts during the first five months of the current year exceeded those of the corresponding period of last year by Rs. 1,91,000, the increase being mainly under General Stamps. The actual receipts in 1896-97 amounted to Rs. 1,75,74,000, and the Lieutenant-Governor thinks that the estimate for 1897-98 may safely be raised to Rs. 1,77,00,000. The Provincial share will be Rs. 1,32,75,000.

38. *Excise*.—The estimate for 1897-98 amounted to Rs. 1,34,50,000 against Rs. 1,33,99,000, the actuals of 1896-97. The settlements of excise licenses up to the 31st May 1897 show a decrease of Rs. 4,01,124 as compared with the results of the corresponding period of last year. The decrease is mainly due to the prevailing scarcity and high prices of food-grains, owing to which a large number of licenses have remained unsettled in some districts, while in some others settlements could only be effected at reduced fees. The high

price of *mahua*, caused by a short crop which has been largely used for food, has added to the difficulty of settling outstill licenses. The Comptroller-General's returns also show a falling off of Rs. 3,85,000 in the first five months of the current year, as compared with the collections of the corresponding period of 1896-97. In view of these figures the estimate under this head will be placed at Rs. 1,28,00,000. The Provincial share of one-half will stand at Rs. 64,00,000.

39. *Provincial Rates*.—The following statement compares the estimates under this head with the actuals of the last two years :—

	Actuals, 1895-96.	Approximate actuals, 1896-97.	Budget estimate, 1897-98.	Estimate, 1897-98, now adopted.
1	2	3	4	5
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
(1) Public Works Cess	41,36,981	43,07,112	40,60,000	43,00,000
(2) General rate for the management of private estates	1,40,352	1,50,199	1,40,000	1,40,000
Total	42,77,333	44,57,311	42,00,000	44,40,000

The latest return from the Accountant-General shows an increase of Rs. 42,000 in the collections under Public Works Cess in the first five months of the current year, as compared with those of the corresponding period of last year. It seems therefore that the collections have not been affected by the famine; and as the actuals in 1896-97 amounted to Rs. 43,07,112, the Lieutenant-Governor thinks that it will be safe to raise the estimate under Public Works Cess collections to Rs. 43,00,000. The estimate of total receipts under Provincial Rates will be placed at Rs. 44,40,000.

40. *Customs*.—The estimate under this head amounts to Rs. 91,000 against Rs. 94,114, the approximate actuals for 1896-97. The collections in the first five months of the current year amounted to Rs. 31,001 against Rs. 33,778 obtained in the corresponding period of last year. The estimate will be retained.

41. *Assessed Taxes*.—Both the estimate for 1897-98 and the revised estimate for 1896-97 were passed by the Government of India for Rs. 49,00,000. The actual collections in last year amounted, however, to Rs. 49,18,436. The collections during the first five months of the current year show a falling off of Rs. 50,000 as compared with those of the corresponding period of last year, and the arrear balance at the close of 1896-97 was Rs. 1,42,605 against Rs. 1,64,461 in 1895-96. In view of these figures the estimate for the current year has been reduced from Rs. 49,00,000 to Rs. 48,50,000. The Provincial share will stand at Rs. 24,25,000.

42. *Registration*.—The estimate under this head amounts to Rs. 14,20,000, against Rs. 15,44,696, the approximate actuals of 1896-97, and Rs. 13,41,493, the actuals of 1895-96. The actuals in the first five months of the current year show an increase of Rs. 84,762 over those of the corresponding period of last year. As, however, the receipts in the later part of 1896-97 were comparatively large on account of the large number of bonds, mortgages and deeds of sale registered owing to the prevailing scarcity, it would not be safe to place the estimate at a higher figure than Rs. 15,00,000. The Provincial share will be Rs. 7,50,000.

43. *Police*.—The approximate actuals in 1896-97 amounted to Rs. 1,88,435, and the receipts during the first five months of the current year show an increase of Rs. 7,000, as compared with those of the corresponding period of last year. The estimate will be raised from Rs. 1,80,000 to Rs. 2,00,000.

44. *Marine*.—The receipts during the first five months of the current year amount to Rs. 4,02,095, against Rs. 2,77,597 obtained in the corresponding period of last year, showing an increase of Rs. 1,24,498. The increase is mainly under Pilotage receipts in Calcutta which fluctuate with the tonnage of vessels visiting and leaving the port. The aggregate receipts in 1896-97 were Rs. 9,37,027, and the estimate for the current year will be raised from Rs. 9,54,000 to Rs. 10,50,000.

45. *Education*.—The receipts under this head were estimated at Rs. 6,27,000, which included Rs. 40,000, being the fees from boarders in the Eden Hindu Hostel. As the accounts of the hostel are kept outside the Government accounts for the present, the estimate will be reduced to Rs. 5,87,000.

46. *Medical*.—The receipts under this head in 1896-97 amounted to Rs. 1,98,848, and the sums realised in the first five months of the current year show an increase of Rs. 2,000, as compared with the receipts of the corresponding period of last year. The estimate will be reduced from Rs. 2,11,000 to Rs. 2,00,000.

47. *Scientific and other Minor Departments*.—The approximate actuals in 1896-97 amounted to Rs. 2,03,980, and the receipts during the first five months of the current year show a decrease of Rs. 34,000, as compared with those of the corresponding period of last year. The decrease is under the head Cinchona Plantation and is due to the reduced sale of quinine in a year of scarcity. The estimate will be reduced from Rs. 2,23,000 to Rs. 2,00,000.

48. *Stationery and Printing*.—The total Provincial receipts in the first five months of the current year show a decrease of Rs. 3,000 as compared with those of the corresponding period of last year. The actuals in 1896-97 amounted to 1,28,216, and the estimate for the current year will be reduced from Rs. 1,34,000 to Rs. 1,24,000.

49. *Miscellaneous*.—The average actuals in the past five years, 1891-92 to 1895-96, amounted to Rs. 9,12,000, and the approximate actuals for 1896-97 to Rs. 8,92,486. The receipts in the first five months of the current year show a decrease of nearly Rs. 84,000. The receipts under this head are generally adjusted at the end of the year; but looking to the actuals of 1896-97, and those of the first five months of the current year, it will not be safe to place the estimate at a higher figure than Rs. 9,12,000. The estimate will therefore be reduced from Rs. 9,35,000 to Rs. 9,12,000.

50. *Irrigation Major Works*.—The Government of India placed the revised estimate for 1896-97 under this head at Rs. 16,90,000, and the estimate for 1897-98 at Rs. 16,50,000. The latest returns received from the Examiner of Public Works Accounts show that there has been an increase of Rs. 1,84,754 in the actual collections of the first four months of the current year, as compared with the receipts of the corresponding period of last year. The receipts in 1896-97 amounted to Rs. 19,09,613, and the average actuals of the past five years were Rs. 17,02,000. The collections depend mainly on the rainfall; and as during the present year this has been plentiful and favourably distributed, the estimate of Rs. 16,50,000 will be allowed to stand for the present.

51. The receipts under *Irrigation Minor Works* in charge of Civil Departments amounted to Rs. 1,33,000 in 1896-97, and those in the first five months of the current year show an increase of Rs. 2,000 as compared with the receipts of the corresponding period of last year. The estimate will be placed at Rs. 1,36,000.

52. *Civil Works by Civil Department*.—The receipts under this head in 1896-97 amounted to Rs. 2,46,069, and the realizations in the first five months of the current year show a decrease of Rs. 11,000, as compared with those of the corresponding period of last year. The estimate for 1897-98 will be reduced from Rs. 2,52,000 to Rs. 2,40,000.

EXPENDITURE.

53. *Land Revenue*.—The original estimate under this head amounting to Rs. 45,71,000 will be reduced by—

- (1) Rs. 3,240 which have been made over to the Public Works Department for the construction of three record-rooms at Pipli, Jajpur and Bhadrak for the preservation of settlement papers;

- (2) Rs. 2,000 on account of anticipated savings in the payment of Exchange Compensation Allowance;
- (3) Rs. 5,000 granted to the Road Account of the Sonthal Parganas for agricultural improvements in Government estates;
- (4) Rs. 1,668 granted to the District Board of Gaya for the construction of an inspection bungalow at Azamatganj; and
- (5) Rs. 7,272 granted to the District Road Fund, Palamau, for the construction of three khas tahsil offices in the Government estates of that district.

Against these reductions a provision of Rs. 6,114 has been made for the pay of establishment for a new steamer and flats for the Sundarbans Commissioner and of Rs. 30,000 for the payment of compensation for dearness of food-grains. On the whole, therefore, the estimate will be raised from Rs. 45,71,000 to Rs. 45,88,000.

54. *Provincial Rates.*—The Provincial expenditure was originally estimated at Rs. 1,19,000 against Rs. 74,204, the approximate actuals of 1896-97. It was then intended to revise the arrangement sanctioned in 1879, under which the Government cost of collecting the cess was fixed once for all at Rs. 48,000, which was equivalent to one-third of the cost in 1877, and the balance was made payable by the District Funds. In submitting proposals for the new Provincial Settlement, the Government of India were asked to make an assignment so that the Government share might be fixed at a sum equal to one-third of the cost actually incurred in 1896-97. But that Government was unable to make any assignment on this account; and in view of the diminished resources of this Government, it has been decided to defer sanction to the contemplated change for the present. The estimate under this head has now been reduced from Rs. 1,19,000 to Rs. 71,000.

55. *Customs.*—A saving of about Rs. 5,000 is expected under Exchange Compensation Allowance, and the estimate will be reduced from Rs. 8,00,000 to Rs. 7,95,000.

56. *Interest.*—An additional allotment of Rs. 14,25,000 has been sanctioned by the Government of India for loans for agricultural purposes. As the Provincial Government will have to pay interest on this sum, the estimate will be raised from Rs. 2,15,000 to Rs. 2,40,000.

57. *Post Office.*—The estimate under this head amounts to Rs. 10,000 against Rs. 4,919, the approximate actuals of 1896-97. The proposal to start a daily postal service between Chittagong and Lungleh has been deferred for the present, and the provision of Rs. 5,000 made on this account will be omitted. The total grant under this head will now stand at Rs. 5,000.

58. *General Administration.*—A saving of about Rs. 13,000 is expected under Exchange Compensation Allowance, and the estimate will be reduced from Rs. 17,28,000 to Rs. 17,15,000.

59. *Law and Justice—Courts of Law.*—The original estimate under this head amounting to Rs. 89,42,000 will be reduced by Rs. 27,000 on account of savings in Exchange Compensation Allowance. Against this reduction provision has been made for the salary and office rent of an additional Sub-Judge in Dacca whose appointment for six months has been sanctioned since the passing of the budget and also for the payment of compensation for dearness of food-grains. Extra grants have also been sanctioned for "fees to pleaders in criminal and other cases" and remuneration to copyists. The total grant will stand at Rs. 90,59,000.

60. *Jails.*—The estimate under this head amounting to Rs. 22,32,000 will be raised by Rs. 5,000 for repairs of damages due to the earthquake and by Rs. 12,000 for compensation for dearness of food-grains against a reduction of Rs. 2,000 on account of anticipated savings in Exchange Compensation Allowance. The total grant will now stand at Rs. 22,47,000.

61. *Police.*—The estimate under this head will be reduced by Rs. 12,000 for savings under Exchange Compensation Allowance, while it will be raised by Rs. 3,000 to provide floating outposts at Alipore in the district of Khulna and at Kowkhali in Backergunge for the protection of boats carrying rice, &c. The grant has also been raised on account of charges incurred in connection with the riots at Tallah, for the payment of compensation for dearness of food-

grains and for repairs to buildings damaged by the cyclone in the district of Chittagong, and in the Chittagong Hill Tracts. The total now stands at Rs. 63,17,000.

62. *Education.*—The estimate under this head will be raised by Rs. 5,000 for the purchase of an oil engine for the Presidency College Laboratory and for the payment of compensation for dearness of food-grains against a reduction of Rs. 25,000 on account of savings under Exchange Compensation Allowance, and the grants transferred to the Public Works Department as shown in paragraph 66 below. The total grant will now stand at Rs. 27,26,000.

63. *Medical.*—The estimate of Rs. 19,18,000 has been raised by Rs. 88,000 to meet expenditure incurred in connection with the prevention of the bubonic plague and on sending pilgrims to their homes and by Rs. 6,000 on account of the compensation for dearness of provisions, while on the other hand it has been reduced by Rs. 12,000 on account of savings under Exchange Compensation Allowance. The total grant will therefore stand at Rs. 20,00,000.

64. *Superannuation.*—The following table shows the Provincial charges under this head during the past six years:—

		Ra.	Increase. Ra.
1891-92	...	16,00,000	1,03,000
1892-93	...	17,03,000	37,000
1893-94	...	17,40,000	40,000
1894-95	...	17,80,000	67,000
1895-96	...	18,47,000	71,000
1896-97	...	19,18,000	
Total	...		3,18,000

The increase during the last five years averaged Rs. 64,000 a year. The actuals in the first five months of the current year show an increase of Rs. 27,405 (exclusive of Marine Department pensions which have been provincialized in the new contract) as compared with the payments during the same period of last year. The estimate will be placed at Rs. 19,18,000 + Rs. 65,000 (increase in 1897-98) + Rs. 57,000 (Marine pensions) = Rs. 20,40,000.

65. *Famine Relief.*—The total grant for Famine Relief in 1897-98 was originally passed for Rs. 1,00,48,000 distributed as follows:—

	Ra.
Imperial	70,13,000
Provincial	22,18,000
Local	8,17,000
Total	1,00,48,000

The actual appropriation to the end of September 1897 has been Rs. 86,51,000 thus:—

	Budget grant.	Appropriation to end of September.
1. Salaries and establishment, Civil Department	5,64,000	4,11,000
2. Relief works by Public Works Department, including establishment	41,88,000	19,77,000
3. Relief works in charge of Civil Department	21,71,000	26,84,000
4. Relief to people employed otherwise than in relief work	10,93,000	22,000
5. Gratuitous relief	20,29,000	26,08,000
6. Miscellaneous	3,000	9,49,000
Total	1,00,48,000	86,51,000

The Revenue Department have sanctioned further allotments of Rs. 47,000 and Rs. 37,000 for the Patna and Chota Nagpur Divisions, respectively, and it is anticipated that when the expenditure on works in charge of the Public Works

Department is finally adjusted, the total during the current year will probably amount to about Rs. 88,58,000, thus showing a saving of Rs. 11,90,000. An application will probably have to be made to the Government of India for the appropriation of a lakh of rupees out of this saving in granting advances for the relief of the people in the district of Chittagong who have been reduced to destitution by the severe cyclone which visited that district on the 24th October 1897. If this application is granted, the saving will be Rs. 10,90,000. As no portion of the expenditure on Famine Relief during 1896-97 has been debited to Imperial, one-half of the anticipated savings in 1897-98 has been taken provisionally to the Provincial account, and the total grant from Provincial Revenues reduced from Rs. 22,18,000 to Rs. 16,73,000.

66. *Civil Works in charge of the Public Works Department.*—The grant for Provincial Civil Works for the current year was originally fixed at Rs. 32,50,000. It has been raised to Rs. 33,67,282 as the net result of certain additions and deductions sanctioned during the past seven months as shown below:—

Cost of temporary sheds, &c., for schools, &c., damaged by earthquake	...	...	...	Rs. 5,000
Rebuilding the southern half of the Gaya Zilla School	...	...	...	13,868
Cost of extra work on the Zilla School building, Malda	...	...	...	321
Cost of three record-rooms with racks at Pipli, Jajpur and Bhadrak	...	...	...	3,240
Grant for retransfer of Provincial Civil Works from the District Board of Hooghly	...	...	...	47,269
Grant for savings in the annual maintenance grant of ditto	...	...	...	7,780
Refunds by the District Boards, Bogra, Dinajpur and Pabna, for earthquake expenditure	...	...	...	1,50,904
Total addition				2,28,382
Deduct for grants to Local Funds for Provincial Civil Works and establishment, &c.	...	...	...	1,11,100
Net addition				1,17,282

An additional grant of Rs. 2,374 will have to be made for percentage charges for establishment, tools and plant on Imperial works transferred to the management of local bodies in 1896-97. The total grant will accordingly stand at Rs. 33,76,000.

67. *Contributions.*—The regular grants made to District Boards to establish equilibrium between the receipts and charges of the departments under their management and for the maintenance of roads transferred to them amount to Rs. 7,27,681. Adding certain other grants to Local Funds for maintaining Imperial and Provincial Civil Works and deducting Rs. 47,871 resumed from the District Board of Hooghly, the net total amounts to Rs. 8,69,409. To this should be added:—

Annual grants to the non-cess districts	...	...	...	Rs. 70,000
For management and improvements of Government Estates in the Sonthal Parganas and for Rajmahal drainage	...	...	...	27,956
Annual grant to non-Board districts for collecting cess and for improvements of roads in Government estates	...	...	...	8,873
Maintenance of technical schools in Pabna and Rangpur	...	...	...	1,560
Special grants for maintenance of Provincial and Imperial Civil Works, including agricultural improvements in the Sonthal Parganas	...	...	...	1,31,687
Total				2,40,076

These make a total of Rs. 11,09,485, but from this should be deducted Rs. 1,68,684, being the total refunds made to the Civil Department by the District Boards of Hooghly, Bogra, Dinajpur and Pabna during the year to meet the cost of repairing the damages done by the earthquake, &c. The net total therefore amounts to Rs. 9,50,801; but as the grants from which reappropriations have been made to meet emergent demands in consequence of the earthquake will ultimately have to be recouped, and as some provision is necessary to meet demands arising from the late cyclone in Chittagong and other unforeseen contingencies, the estimate under this head will be placed at Rs. 11,19,000 against Rs. 12,25,000, the original grant.

ORDER.—Ordered, that a copy of this Resolution be submitted to the Government of India, Department of Finance and Commerce, for information.

Ordered also, that a copy of the above Resolution be forwarded to the Board of Revenue; to all Commissioners of Divisions; to the Accountant-General; to the Inspectors-General of Civil Hospitals, Police, Jails and Registration; to the Directors of Public Instruction and Land Records and Agriculture; to the Conservator of Forests; to the Port Officer, Calcutta; to the Superintendent of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Calcutta, and to all Departments of this Government, for information.

By order of the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal,

H. H. RISLEY,

Secretary to the Government of Bengal.

**DONATIONS AND ENDOWMENTS MADE BY PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS
FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES AND WORKS OF PUBLIC UTILITY DURING
THE YEAR 1896.**

MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.—MUNICIPAL.

Calcutta, the 6th December 1897.

RESOLUTION—No. 5280M.

The following table shows the various public purposes and works of public utility, for which gifts of money or land have been made by private individuals, and regarding which orders were passed during the year 1896:—

		Rs.	A.	P.
Objects for each of which Rs. 500 and upwards have been subscribed.	Public buildings ...	64,983	0	0
	Roads ...	7,525	0	0
	Bridges and culverts ...	29,606	0	0
	Embankments ...	20,000	0	0
	Irrigation channels ...	22,964	0	0
	Ghâts ...	21,900	0	0
	Tanks and Bândhs ...	3,98,976	0	0
	Wells ...	11,455	0	0
	Water-works ...	1,000	0	0
	Hospitals and dispensaries ...	9,572	0	0
	Scholarships, &c. ...	27,197	0	0
	Miscellaneous ...	3,12,800	0	0
Total ...		9,27,978	0	0
Objects for each of which less than Rs. 500 have been received	...	2,09,831	0	0
G A N D T O T A L		11,37,809	0	0

The following are the principal donations under the different heads:—

Public buildings.—The contributions under this head amount to Rs. 64,983. Of this sum, Rs. 25,000 were contributed by Raja Rameswar Prosad Narayan Singh, of Muksudpur, in the district of Gaya, for the construction of private cottage wards attached to the hospital under the management of the Gaya Branch Committee of the Countess of Dufferin Fund; a donation of Rs. 7,600 was given by Maharaja Surjya Kantha Acharjee Bahadur, of Muktagacha, for an Eye Ward in connection with the Nasirabad dispensary, to be called "The Mackenzie Eye Ward;" Rs. 5,632 were given by Rao Jogendro Narayan, of Lalgola, for a serai for the use of persons visiting the head-quarters of the Subdivision of Jangipur; Babu Satyendra Nath De, of the district of Balasore, contributed Rs. 5,000 for a ward for in door patients and quarters for the Hospital Assistant attached to the Raja Syamanund Dispensary; Raja Rajendra Narain Rai Bahadur of Bhowal, Rs. 5,000 for the extension of the Simpson Ward of the Dacca Mitford Hospital; Ranis Woma Sundari and Shyama Sundari, of Dubalhati, Rs. 2,500 for a charitable dispensary building at Naogaon, and Rani Monmohini Debya the same sum for a similar building at Putia; Chowdhury Fasiuddin and his brother, of the district of Pabna, Rs. 2,000 for the construction of a Muhammadan boarding-house in connection with the zilla school; Babu Dirgopal Lal, Rs. 1,900 for a moribund ward in the Gaya Hospital; Mr. A. M. Downes, Manager of Bowriah Cotton Mill, Rs. 1,661 for additions to the school building at Uluberia; Babu Krishna Prosad Roy Chowdhury and Babu Gopee Mohun Roy Chowdhury, of Tippera, Rs. 1,500 for a building for the Brahmanberiah Dispensary; Rai Budh Singh Duduria Bahadur and his nephew, Babu Bejoy Singh Duduria, of Azimganj, Rs. 1,490 for the construction of a ward for female patients attached to the dispensary at Jangipur; Maharaja Giriya Nath Roy Bahadur, of Dinajpur, Rs. 1,200 for a pukka building for a charitable dispensary at Raiganj.

Roads.—The contributions for roads stand at Rs. 7,525. Babu Mohabir Prosad gave a donation of Rs. 2,000 for a road from Bhagwanpur to Dumri

and up to Bahadurpur; Mr. Hickley, Manager of Mohamudpur Factory, Rs. 1,300 for a road at Ghusrawa, and Tofazal Ahmed Mia, Rs. 1,000 for a road from Bhatpara to Mathura.

Bridges and culverts.—Out of Rs. 29,606 received for bridges and culverts, the wife of Kalapahar Fakir gave Rs. 10,000 for a pukka bridge on the river Harihar at Keshubpur; Maulvi Janab Ali Khan, Rs. 6,720 for bridges at Choubey Tola in Madhubani; Rai Khirode Prosad Pal Bahadur, Rs. 5,000 for a wooden bridge over the Kana river at Sikandarpur; His Highness the Maharaja of Cooch Behar, Rs. 5,000 towards a pukka bridge on the 25th mile of the Emigration Road, Jalpaiguri, and also Rs. 850 for the maintenance of a portion of the road to Haldibari. The Manager of A. N. Rai's Estate, Berhampur, Rs. 990 and Rs. 891 for the construction of pukka culverts on village roads at Chatina and Amuddya, respectively, in the district of Birbhum.

Embankments.—Raja Rajendra Narain Rai Bahadur, of Bhowal, who has long been known for his public spirit, made a munificent gift of Rs. 20,000 for the extension of the Buriganga Embankment at Dacca.

Irrigation channels.—Nawab Sir Khajeh Ahsanulla Bahadur, R.C.I.E., C.I.E., gave Rs. 15,000 for the improvement of the Buriganga and Dhaleswari rivers; Mahashaya Tarak Nath Ghose, Rs. 5,044 and Rs. 1,420 for pukka waterways; Mr. C. Still of Materia Factory, Champaran, Rs. 1,000 for a canal from Shikarpur to the Factory.

Ghâts.—Babu Chhotoy Lal Sijwar, C.I.E., gave Rs. 20,000 for a masonry ghât at Deoghat, near the Bishnupada Temple, Gaya, and Babu Jagat Kishore Acharjya Chowdhury, of Mymensingh, Rs. 1,900 for a burning ghât on his land within the Nasirabad Municipality.

Tanks and bandhs.—For expenditure on tanks and bandhs the donations reached the total of Rs. 3,98,976, the principal donors being the following :—

In the district of Burdwan, Babu Jogendra Nath Bose, Rs. 5,000; Babu Bireswar Saha, Rs. 2,000; Babu Dina Nath Mukherjee, Rs. 1,300; and S. M. Ganga Moyee Baniani, Rs. 1,100.

In the district of Birbhum, the Manager of A. N. Rai's Estate gave a total sum of Rs. 5,511 for tanks in different places.

In the district of Bankura, Babus Paromeshwar Chowdhury and Surja Narain Chowdhury Rs. 3,000, and Babu Rajendra Nath Mahadani Rs. 1,000.

In the district of Midnapore, Babu Lakhi Narain Adhicary, Rs. 1,300.

In the district of Hooghly, Sheik Bahar Ali, Rs. 10,000 and Babu Annoda Prosad Addy, Rs. 4,500; Babu Sarat Chundra Mukherjee, Rs. 1,500; S. M. Prasanno Moye Jelani Rs. 1,200; Babu Amrita Lal Soor and Babu Rajeswar Dey, Rs. 1,000 each.

In the district of the 24-Parganas, Babu Shayama Charan Bullava Rs. 5,000 and Upendra Nath Shaw, Rs. 1,800.

In the district of Nadia, Babu Joti Prosad Singha Roy, Rs. 6,000; the late Maharani Surnomoyee, of Kassim-bazar, Rs. 2,780; Babu Pares Nath Banerjee, Rs. 2,030; Babu Baul Chandra Chakravarti, of Dhakula, Rs. 2,000; Babus Nafar Chandra Pal Chaudhri and Bipro Das Pal Chaudhri, of Latudaha, Rs. 1,600; Sasi Bhusan Biswas, Babu Nim Chand Dey, Babu Ram Chandra Ghosh, Babu Dips Chand Biswas, Babu Hari Charan Tewari, and Babu Sadhan Pramanik, Rs. 1,200 each; Umar Malita, of Bhuradar, Rs. 1,150; Ram Lal Chatterjee and Panch Kari Mandal, Rs. 1,000 each.

In the district of Murshidabad, Babu Bhogobati Charan Roy, of Kanchan-tala, Rs. 2,500; the Estate of Babu Chandra Nath Mukherjee, deceased, of Patkahari, Rs. 1,200.

In the district of Jessore, Aser Mandal, Rs. 4,000; Hari Charan Bose, Rs. 3,000; Debendra Nath and Nityananda Banerjee, Rs. 1,500; Manjan Biswas, Rs. 1,117; Balaram Biswas, Rs. 1,000; Mrijan Mea and Mohesh Mandal, Rs. 1,000 each.

In the district of Rajshahi, Babu Jogendra Nath Chowdhury, Rs. 3,000; Akbar Sardar, Rs. 2,300; Babu Rabindra Nath Tagore, Rs. 2,000; Ranis Woma Sundari and Sayama Sundari, of Dubalhati, Rs. 2,000; Babu Gopal Pramanik and Askari Tarafdar, Rs. 1,500 each; Babu Ram Kanai Saha, Rs. 1,400; Rabi Mondal, and Kabar Sardar Rs. 1,200 each; Babu Makunda Mondal, Gokul Joogi, Ali Shaha, and Nadi Pramanik, Rs. 1,000 each.

In the district of Dinajpur, Raja Kristendra Narain Rai Bahadur of Balihar, Rs. 6,000; Ashkar Mohamed Mondal of Chittogram, Rs. 2,500; the Manager of Sankarpur Estate, Rs. 1,458; Dil Mohamed Sardar of Basupara, Rs. 1,000.

In the district of Bogra. Ram Joy Shaha, Rs. 1,500; Din Pramanik, Rs. 1,175; Mado Pramanik, Rs. 1,119; Amria Pramanik, and S. M. Bhuvan Moyee Chaudhurani, Rs. 1,000 each.

In the district of Pabna, a considerable number of donations were received during the year for the excavation of tanks in honour of the visit paid by the Hon'ble Sir Alexander Mackenzie, K.C.S.I., to the district, the chief amongst the donors being the following:—

Babu Sarat Chandra Chowdhury of Parsadanga, and Babu Durga Sundar Roy of Haturia, Rs. 15,000 each; Rai Banomali Roy Bahadur of Pabna, Rs. 4,000; Srimati Sasi Mukhi Chaudhurani of Poyda, Rs. 4,000; Rafik-un-nissa and Fakar-un-nissa Chaudhurani of Pabna, Babu Tarak Nath Pramanik, and Babu Hara Sunder Mozumdar of Penona, Rs. 2,000 each; Hyder Mondal, Rs. 1,500; Nawab Sir Khajeh Ashanulla Bahadur, K.C.I.E., C.I.E., Rs. 1,400; Ali Pramanik, Rs. 1,200; Babu Jogesh Prosonno Bhaduri of Porjana, and Babu Bhubani Charan Chowdhuri of Haripur, Rs. 1,000 each.

In the district of Dacca, Raja Rajendra Narain Rai Bahadur, of Bhowal, Rs. 15,000; Babu Shama Prosad Roy Chowdhuri, Rs. 6,350; Babus Janaki Nath Roy and Sitanath Roy of Bhajyakul, Rs. 5,000; Babu Ananta Bandopadhyaya, Rs. 1,300; Babu Upendra Mandal; Rai Pran Sankur Chowdhuri Bahadur of Teota and Babu Surjya Kumar Shome, Rs. 1,000 each.

In the district of Mymensingh, Rai Jogendra Kishore Rai Chowdhury Bahadur, of Ram Gopalpur, Rs. 10,000; Jorip Mandal, Rs. 1,100.

In the district of Faridpur, Babu Anukul Chandra Chowdhuri, Rs. 2,050 at Char Faridpur.

In the district of Chittagong, Ramkinkar Nandi, Rs. 1,100.

In the district of Patna, Mussamat Sogra, Rs. 2,267, at Bihar Town.

In the district of Shahabad, Babu Rambaran Singh, of Nihi, Rs. 2,000; Maulvi Bakhtaur Jolaha of Saidpur, Rs. 1,000.

In the district of Saran, Babu Teka Chamar of Baranpura, Rs. 2,020; Isar Singh of Sirpal Basant, Rs. 1,500; Keshri Pershad, Rs. 1,100; Bhagwan Dayal Singh and Gundi Sakul, Rs. 1,000 each.

In the district of Muzaffarpur, Babu Dewa Das Mahanth, Jugdeb Shahai, and Maulvi Sheik Makboob Ali, Rs. 1,000 each.

In the district of Darbhanga, Babu Kesho Lal Agarwalla, Rs. 4,000; Babu Mohabir Singh, Rs. 3,000; Maulvi Jowhar Mian, of Pathra, and Babu Musharoo Sahoo Kalwar, of Gobrahi, Rs. 2,000 each; Babu Hirdi Barai, Rs. 1,700; Babu Kaili Koeri, Rs. 1,500; Mussamat Pali Chowdhuriani, Rs. 1,300; Mussamat Malin Kuer, Rs. 1,200; Babu Ramni Mahto, Rs. 1,100; Babu Lal Jha, Babu Bhajoo Gowala of Kakerghati, Maulvi Mola Bux of Bijli, Mussamat Shashiman Chowdhuriani of Loha, Babu Horil Koeri and Bawkoo Koeri of Parmashra, and Moti Chowdheri, Rs. 1,000 each.

In the district of Monghyr Ram Tahal Singh, Rs. 1,400.

In the district of Bhagalpur, Mohasaya Taracknath Ghose gave Rs. 1,700 and Rs. 1,379 respectively for repairs to bandhs in several mauzas of Bhagalpur, and for a bandh at Bhurko; Babu Kali Prosad Singh, Rs. 1,500; Mussamat Sankari Brahmini, Rs. 1,100; Mr. Morrison and Rai Saligram Singh, Rs. 1,000 each.

In the district of Purnea, Kesri Jha, Rs. 1,000.

In the district of Balasore, Balabhadra Prosad Das, Rs. 1,000.

In the district of Hazaribagh, Messrs. F. F. Chrestien and Company, Rs. 4,000.

In the district of Manbhum, Babu Nundolal Gorai, Rs. 1,500.

In the district of Singhbhum, the Dhalbhum Encumbered Estate, Rs. 2,000.

Wells.—The total received under this head amounts to Rs. 9,955. Babu Kuber Pandey gave Rs. 1,500 for a well at Dumaria, Babu Rabindra Nath Tagore of Shazadpur, Rs. 1,000 for the excavation of masonry wells within his zamindari, in commemoration of Sir Alexander Mackenzie's visit to the

town of Pabna. His Highness the Maharaja of Ooqch Behar and Messrs. F. F. Chrestien and Company also contributed Rs. 705 and Rs. 800 respectively under this head.

Water Works.—Rai Jagendra Kishore Rai Chowdhury Bahadur, of Ramgopalpur, gave Rs. 1,000 for the extension of water-works for the benefit of the residents of the Government Estate Wari in the town of Dacca.

Hospitals and Dispensaries.—Besides the contributions for hospital buildings, which have been mentioned above under the head "Public Buildings," the sum of Rs. 9,572 was received during the year towards the maintenance and management of hospitals and dispensaries. The principal donors were Babu Nanda Lal Sen of Baldhara in the district of Dacca, who granted property, with an annual income of Rs. 516, for the maintenance of a dispensary to be established at his own village; Rai Kamaleshwari Prosad Singh, Bahadur, of Monghyr, who gave Rs. 8,056 for a Zenana Hospital; Rai Banomali Roy Bahadur, of Pabna, who gave Rs. 1,000 to the Lady Dufferin Fund, and Maharaja Surjya Kantha Acharjya, Bahadur, of Mymensingh, who, besides his donation for the construction of an eye-ward in connection with the Nasirabad Dispensary, also undertook to pay the cost of its maintenance.

Scholarships, &c.—This head shows a total of Rs. 27,197; Maharaja Sir Jotindro Mohun Tagore, K.C.S.I., gave a further proof of his liberality and public spirit during the year in devoting Rs. 15,000 to the foundation of scholarships for the promotion of Sanskrit learning. Srimati Krishna Kumari Chowdhurani of Taras, in the Pabna district, gave Rs. 6,000 to found a scholarship in honour of Sir Alexander Mackenzie's visit to the town of Pabna. Mr. E. J. Barton, late District Magistrate of Jessore, contributed Rs. 5,097 for the foundation of a scholarship in the Jessore Zilla School.

Miscellaneous.—The total amount entered under this heading is Rs. 3,12,800; the principal donors being Sir Walter DeSouza, who gave Rs. 2,47,300 for creating an Endowment Fund for charitable purposes; Babu Ram Lal Mukerji of Boinchi, who gave Rs. 50,000 for creating an Endowment Fund for the relief of distress; Raja Ram Narain Singh Bahadur of Kharia, Monghyr, who gave Rs. 15,000 to be expended by the District Magistrate on public purposes at his discretion.

Besides the above-mentioned donations, many others were received during the year for various purposes, and the names of the donors are included in the statement hereto appended. The thanks of the Lieutenant-Governor are due to one and all of these gentlemen for their liberality and public spirit.

ORDER.—Ordered that a copy of this Resolution, and of the Statement, be forwarded to the Judicial, Political, Revenue, General, Financial and Public Works Departments of this Government for information and necessary action.

Ordered also that a copy of the Resolution and of the Statement be forwarded to the Board of Revenue, the Inspector-General of Civil Hospitals, Bengal, the Sanitary Board and the Sanitary Commissioner, Bengal, and to all Commissioners of Divisions for information.

Ordered also that the Resolution and the Statement be published in the Supplement to the *Calcutta Gazette* for general information.

By order of the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal,

H. H. RISLEY,

Secy. to the Govt. of Bengal.

Statement of Donations and Endowments made by Private Individuals for public purposes and works of public utility during the year 1896.

DIVISION.	District.	Name of Donor.	Purpose.	Amount.	Total of district.	Grand total of Division.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
				Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Burdwan		Babu Jogendra Nath Bose ...	Tank at Berugram, police-station Jamalpore...	5,000 0 0	17,825 0 0	
		" Bireswar Saha ...	Do. at Chatni, police-station Purbasthali ...	2,000 0 0		
		" Dina Nath Mukherjee ...	Do. at Dhoiyabon, police-station Raniganj...	1,300 0 0		
		Srimoti Gangamoyee Baniani ...	Do. at Dakshinkhanda, police-station Raniganj...	1,100 0 0		
		Babu Shiti Kanta Mukherjee ...	Do. at Dhoiyabon, police-station Raniganj...	900 0 0		
		" Ram Chandra Samanta ...	Do. at Polesdiha, police-station Raniganj ...	800 0 0		
		" Uday Chand Dayasi ...	Do. at Ramnagore, police-station Asansol ...	640 0 0		
		" Horish Chandra Chongdar ...	Do. at Gooshkara, police-station Asansol ...	500 0 0		
		" Jadu Nath Chattopadhyaya ...	Do. at Shonda, police-station Boodhood ...	500 0 0		
		Manick Shaik ...	Do. at Barunia, police-station Monglekote...	500 0 0		
Birbhum		Srimoti Hari Kamarni ...	Do. at Srinatha, police-station Raniganj ...	500 0 0	10,403 0 0	
		Works costing less than Rs. 500 each.	.....	4,183 0 0	
		Babu Ananda Lal Das Dalai ...	Tank at Bolpur, police-station Bolpur ...	500 0 0		
		Manager, A. N. Rai's estate, Berhampore.	Do. at Kumar Sanda ...	981 0 0		
		Ditto, ditto ...	Do. at Bagcespur ...	588 0 0		
		Ditto, ditto ...	Do. at do. ...	713 0 0		
		Ditto, ditto ...	Do. at do. ...	792 0 0		
		Ditto, ditto ...	Do. at Amuddya ...	836 0 0		
		Ditto, ditto ...	Do. at do. ...	1,601 0 0		
		Ditto, ditto ...	Construction of pucca culverts in village roads at Chatina.	891 0 0		
Bankura		Ditto, ditto ...	Do. at Amuddya ...	990 0 0	5,900 0 0	
		Works costing less than Rs. 500 each.	.....	2,511 0 0	
		Babu Umesh Chandra Das ...	Tank in Bankura town ...	700 0 0		
		" Boni Madhab Rai ...	Do. at Dhansimla, police-station Sonamukhi	500 0 0		
		" Rajendra Nath Mahadani...	Do. at Sonamukhi ...	1,000 0 0		
		" Akhoy Kumar Palit ...	Do. at Beturr, police-station Indas ...	500 0 0		
		Babus Parameshwar Choudhury and Surja Naran Choudhury.	Do. at Balarampur, police-station Vishnupur	3,000 0 0		
		Works costing less than Rs. 500 each.	.....	200 0 0	
Midnapore		Babu Antaram Das ...	Tank at Gholai, police-station Dantan ...	600 0 0	8,470 0 0	
		" Lakhinarain Adhicary ...	Tank and the construction of a pucca ghat thereon at Chapbomam, police-station Tamluk.	1,300 0 0		
		" Haraprasad Paloi ...	Tank and the construction of a pucca ghat thereon at Rayapara, police-station Nandigram.	725 0 0		
		Works costing less than Rs. 500 each.	.....	5,845 0 0	
	Hooghly		Srimoti Proconnomoye Jelani ...	Tank at Magra ...			1,200 0 0	80,132 0 0
		Babu Ambica Charan Neogi ...	Do. at Annan ...	700 0 0		
		" Amrita Lal Soor ...	Do. at do. ...	1,000 0 0		
		" Gopal Chandra Soor ...	Do. at do. ...	800 0 0		
		Srimoti Nistarini Devi ...	Do. at Kolora ...	800 0 0		
		Babu Prosonna Kumar Mitra ...	Do. at Baloon ...	700 0 0		
		" Rajeswar Day ...	Do. at Polva ...	1,000 0 0		
		Jamaluddi Sheikh ...	Do. at Bhooagachi ...	532 0 0		
		Babu Purna Chandra Kundu ...	Do. at Baloon ...	800 0 0		
		" Mohesh Chandra Koar ...	Do. at Bhopore ...	600 0 0		
Howrah		" Annoda Prasad Addy ...	Do. at Grand Trunk Road at Sonatola, Bydabati.	4,500 0 0	1,661 0 0	
		" Sarat Chandra Mukherjee ...	Do. at Barulpura (Bydabati) ...	1,500 0 0		
		Rai Khirode Prasad Pal Bahadur.	Wooden bridge over the Kana river at Sekondarpur.	5,000 0 0		
		Shah Bahar Ali ...	Tank at Rosulpur near Shakpur ...	10,000 0 0		
		Babu Pitambar Chatterjee ...	Foundation of a free studentship in the Konnagar High School.	600 0 0		
		" Ram Lal Mukherji, Zamudar of Boinsahi.	Interest to be devoted annually to relief of distress due to inundation or scarcity.	50,000 0 0		
		Works costing less than Rs. 500 each.	.....	300 0 0	
GRAND TOTAL OF DIVISION ...						1,24,891 0 0

Division.	District.	Name of Donor.	Purpose.	Amount.	Total of district.	Grand total of division.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
				Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
	24-Parganas ...	Mirza Sajat Ali Beg ...	For the award annually of a silver medal to be called the "Enott medal" to the most successful student of the University Entrance examination from the Calcutta Madrasa, the Cotton Institution and Nawab's Madrasa.	500 0 0		
		Sir Walter DeSouza ...	For various charitable purposes	2,47,300 0 0		
		Maharajah Sir Jotendra Mohan Tagore, K.C.S.I.	Foundation of scholarships for the promotion of Sanskrit learning.	15,000 0 0		
		Upendra Nath Shaw ...	Re-excavation of a tank at Basirhat	1,800 0 0		
		Shyama Charan Bullava ...	Ditto ditto with three pukka ghats on the Taki Road side at Bankirhat.	5,000 0 0		
		Zamindar Baroda Kanta Roy Chaudhury.	Re-excavation of a tank at Gilarchat	679 4 0	2,70,279 4 0	
		Babu Sasi Bhushan Biswas ...	Excavation of a tank at Barabariya	1,200 0 0		
		" Nim Chand Dey ...	Ditto ditto at Asannagar	1,200 0 0		
		" Paros Nath Banerjee ...	Ditto ditto at Motoyari	2,000 0 0		
		" Joti Prasad Singha Roy ...	Ditto ditto at Sonadanga	6,000 0 0		
		" Devendra Nath Singha Roy ...	Ditto ditto at Nakasipara	500 0 0		
		Penodo Mandal ...	Ditto ditto at Ghuni	300 0 0		
		Doulut Hazi ...	Ditto ditto at Barobhegiya	700 0 0		
		Babu Bishen Chandra Sen ...	Ditto ditto at Bara Ataki	800 0 0		
		Taribat Sheikh ...	Ditto ditto at Searatola	500 0 0		
		Babu Joggeswar Ganguli ...	Ditto ditto at Guraidpur	600 0 0		
		Babus Nafar Chandra Pal Chaudhuri and Bipradas Pal Chaudhuri of Latudaha.	Re-excavation of a tank at Krishnagar	1,600 0 0		
		Maharani Surnamoyee of Cassimbazar.	Ditto ditto at ditto	2,780 0 0		
		Babu Kali Prasanna Bhadra of Krishnagar.	Excavation of a tank at ditto	750 0 0		
		Sobai Mandal of Songhatta ...	Ditto ditto at Songhatta	500 0 0		
		Babu Aghore Nath Mukerjee of Krishnagar.	Re-excavation of a tank at Krishnagar	500 0 0		
		" Behari Lal Sen of Jaguti thana, Kushtia.	Excavation of a tank at Chaur Haush, thana Kushtia.	800 0 0		
		" Baul Chandra Chakraverti of Dahakula, thana Kushtia.	Excavation of a tank at Dahakula, thana Kushtia.	2,000 0 0		
		" Ram Chandra Ghosh ...	Excavation of a tank at Sastipur, thana Kushtia.	1,200 0 0		
		" Dipa Chand Biswas of Braja Mulla Malikat, outpost Khoksa.	Excavation of a tank at Malikat, thana Kumarkhali.	1,200 0 0		
		" Sadhan Pramanik ...	Excavation of a tank at Isvordi, thana Kumarkhali.	1,200 0 0		
		" Kubir Biswas and others ...	Excavation of a tank at Bhatsala, thana Kumarkhali.	700 0 0		
	Nadia ...	" Rajkumar Roy, Zamindar, Narail.	Sinking of a masonry well at Gazipurhat, thana Dowlatpur.	500 0 0		
		Umarmalita of Ehuradar thana Nowpara.	Excavation of a tank at Bhuradari, thana Nowpara.	1,150 0 0		
		Babu Hari Charan Tewari of Parankhali.	Excavation of a tank at Parankhali, thana Nowpara.	1,200 0 0		
		Panchu Mandal ...	Ditto ditto at Huda ...	500 0 0		
		Babu Ram Lal Chatterjee ...	Ditto ditto at Basantapur ...	1,000 0 0		
		" Panchu Kari Mandal ...	Ditto ditto at Sanakhali ...	1,000 0 0		
		" Ram Charan Kolu ...	Ditto ditto at Chandni ...	500 0 0		
		Modhu Ghose ...	Ditto ditto at Kuwarpur ...	600 0 0		
		Fatik Mandal ...	Ditto ditto at Subidpur ...	800 0 0		
		Babu Jadu Nath Sarkar of Ichapur	Re-excavation of a tank at Ichapur	500 0 0		
		Sadhu Kolu of Birohi ...	Excavation of a tank at Birohi	500 0 0		
		Babu Shama Charan Roy of Brahmanpara.	Ditto ditto at Brahmanpara	900 0 0		
		" Kedor Nath Roy of Bonomalipara.	Ditto ditto at Bonomalipara	600 0 0		
		" Promatha Nath Mukerjee of Gorepara.	Ditto ditto at Gorepara	500 0 0		
		Hari Mohan Bagchi of Jumsarpur.	Ditto ditto at Jumsarpur	500 0 0		
		Sobhan Sheikh, Chaukidar of Raipur.	Ditto ditto at Raipur	600 0 0		
		Babu Syam Lal Biswas of Notidanga.	Ditto ditto at Pankshiya	600 0 0		
		Panchu Biswas of Satgari ...	Ditto ditto at Satgari	900 0 0		
		Danej Biswas of Khojurtolla ...	Ditto ditto at Khojurtolla	600 0 0		
		Christian Missionaries of Ballabpur.	Ditto ditto at Ballabpur	500 0 0		
		Works costing less than Rs. 500 each.	.....	10,294 0 0		
					81,804 0 0	
		Dijabar Poddar ...	A tank at Kodlapara ...	900 0 0		
		Janmoyjoy Sikdar ...	Do. at Kororail ...	500 0 0		
		Mohim Chandra Das ...	Do. at Jalkar Raitha ...	500 0 0		
		Biswa Nath Kapali ...	Do. at Jhanpa ...	500 0 0		
	Jessore ...	Wife of Kalapahar Fakir ...	One pukka bridge on the river Harihar at Keshabpur.	10,000 0 0		
		Meajan Biswas ...	A tank at Alaipur ...	1,117 0 0		
		Gopal Chandra Ghosh ...	Do. at Taora ...	500 0 0		
		Balaram Biswas ...	Do. at Sekendarpur ...	1,000 0 0		
		Kudartolla Biswas ...	Do. at Armukhi ...	500 0 0		
		Carried over ...	.....	.....	15,517 4 0	

Division.	District.	Name of Donor.	Purpose.	Amount.	Total of district.	Grand total of division.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
				Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
		Brought forward ..	.....	15,517 0 0	.....	.....
	Jessore— conold.	Nasir Biswas ...	A tank at Madhabati ...	500 0 0		
		Hoydar Kazi ...	Do. at Bagara ...	500 0 0		
		Mrijun Mia ...	Do. at Khandakbaria ...	1,000 0 0		
		Mohesh Mandal ...	Do. at Gopalpur ...	1,000 0 0		
		Shadulla Shoikh ...	Do. at Piragati ...	800 0 0		
		Fakir Muhammad Biswas ...	Do. at Ditto ...	900 0 0		
		Ram Sundar Mandal ...	Do. at Bagutia ...	500 0 0		
		Dwarka Nath Roy ...	Do. at Balarampur ...	500 0 0		
		Kamal Kamini Debya ...	Do. at Harina Kunda ...	500 0 0		
		Panchu Biswas ...	Do. at Dakhalpur ...	500 0 0		
		Akshaya Sunkar Chakravarty ...	Do. at Atarakhada ...	700 0 0		
		Kadu Mandal ...	Do. at Eropta ...	800 0 0		
		Asor Mandal ...	Do. at Ghatpatila ...	4,000 0 0		
		Dohendra Nath ...	Do. at Chhaghari ...	1,500 0 0		
		Nityanando Banerjee ...	Do. at Sukpukuria ...	3,000 0 0		
		Hari Charan Bose ...	For a scholarship in the Jessore girls school ...	5,097 5 6		
		Works costing less than Rs. 500 each.	.....	5,750 0 0		
					48,164 5 6	
	Murshidabad	Rao Jogendra Narayan of Lal-gola.	A sarai or resting place for the use of persons visiting the head-quarters of the subdivision of Jangipur at Raghunathganj	5,632 0 0		
		Babu Bhogobati Charan Roy of Kanchantala,	A tank at Kanchantala ...	2,500 0 0		
		" Mokund Lal Mondal of Alankar.	Do. at Alankar ...	500 0 0		
		Maharani Swarnomoyee, M.I.O. c.I. of Kassim bazar.	Do. at Barna ...	500 0 0		
		Babu Srieh Chandra Ghose of Beldanga.	Do. at Do. ...	800 0 0		
		Estate of deceased Babu Chandra Nath Mukerji of Patkabari.	Do. at Kolan ...	1,200 0 0		
		Babu Haripada Chatterji of Patkabari.	Do. at Faridpur ...	950 0 0		
		Hai Budh Singh Duduria Bahadur and his nephew Babu Bijoy Singh Duduria of Azimganj.	Ward for female patients attached to the dispensary at Jangipur.	1,490 4 0		
		Syad Hozoor Mirza of Murshidabad.	Relief of distress in the Patna Division ...	500 0 0		
		Works costing less than Rs. 500 each.	.....	1,439 0 0		
					15,511 4 0	
	Khulna	Tuni Sheikh ...	A tank at Mirordanga ...	500 0 0		
		Works costing less than Rs. 500 each.	.....	5,100 0 0		
					5,600 0 0	
						3,86,858 13 6
		GRAND TOTAL OF DIVISION ...	.....	.....	.....
	Rajshahi	Laloo Mondal ...	Tank at Parila ...	800 0 0		
		Taherulla Mia ...	Do. at Baharampur ...	700 0 0		
		Makunda Mondal ...	Do. at Madhupur ...	1,000 0 0		
		Prem Lal Paul ...	Do. at Kapasia ...	800 0 0		
		Gokul Joogi ...	Do. at Kengachi ...	1,000 0 0		
		Hari Nath Shaha ...	Do. at Ranhat ...	600 0 0		
		Ram Narain Dass ...	Do. at Chock Sunadah ...	500 0 0		
		Ismar Chandra Arkarthi ...	Do. at Shadipur ...	500 0 0		
		Ali Shaha ...	Do. at Chockpara ...	1,000 0 0		
		Alam Sirdar ...	Do. at Koozi Shabar ...	700 0 0		
		Kabir Sirdar ...	Do. at Kendu ...	600 0 0		
		Ditto ...	Do. at Dangapara ...	600 0 0		
		Bisha Mondal ...	Do. at Mohindra ...	600 0 0		
		Saroo Mondal ...	Do. at Hullahia ...	800 0 0		
		Ram Kanni Shaha ...	Do. at Domdama ...	1,400 0 0		
		Madhu Mandal ...	Do. at Narainbari ...	500 0 0		
		Anoop Khan ...	Do. at Aukpoori ...	800 0 0		
		Akbar Sirdar ...	Do. at Khasbhabag ...	2,800 0 0		
		Jarip Shaha ...	Do. at Bashedbpara ...	700 0 0		
		Jogendra Nath Chowdhury ...	Do. at Dhokdah ...	1,500 0 0		
		Askari Tarafdar ...	Do. at Marria ...	1,500 0 0		
		Gopal Pramanik ...	Do. at Ramonkula ...	1,500 0 0		
		Nadi Pramanik ...	Do. at Rameswarpur ...	1,000 0 0		
		Alam Sirdar ...	Do. at Majdigha ...	700 0 0		
		Ranis Womasundari and Shyama Sundari of Dubalhati.	Charitable Dispensary at Naogaon	2,500 0 0		
		Carried over ...	.....	.....	24,700 0 0	

Division.	District.	Name of Donor.	Purpose.	Amount.	Total of district.	Grand total Division.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		Brought forward ...	.....	Rs. A. P. 24,700 0 0	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
		Rania Womasundari and Shyama Sundari of Dubalhati.	A tank with ghat, in memory of Sir Charles Elliot, Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal at Naogaon.	2,000 0 0		
		Babu Kedar Prasanna Lahiri ...	Hospital house at the Naogaon Charitable Dispensary.	700 0 0		
		„ Rabindra Nath Tagore, Calcutta.	Tank at Moskipur	1,000 0 0		
	Rajshahi— concd.	Ditto ditto ...	Do. at Machgaon	1,000 0 0		
		Matro Matia ...	Do. at Gobilapur	809 0 0		
		Shib Dhon Shaha ...	Do. at Balcoobhara	750 0 0		
		Rabi Mondal ...	Do. at Saluka	1,200 0 0		
		Radia Mondal ...	Do. at Asnodi	600 0 0		
		Sadu Sardar ...	Do. at Anantpur	600 0 0		
		Suja Pramanik ...	Do. at Sarisabari	600 0 0		
		Asvina Mondal ...	Do. at Ansagaon	700 0 0		
		Jogendra Nath Chowdhury ...	Do. at Dhakdhor	1,600 0 0		
		Rani Mon Mohini Debya ...	Dispensary House at Putia	2,600 0 0		
		Works costing less than Rs. 500 each.	.....	5,964 0 0		
					44,414 0 0	
		Dil Mohamed Sardar of Basupara, police-station Parbatipur.	Tank at Parbatipur	1,000 0 0		
		Khoso Sarkar of Shajampukur, police-station Chintamon.	Do. at Shajampukur	800 0 0		
		Shamatullah Mondal of Udrail, police-station Chintamon.	Do. at Udrail	700 0 0		
		Ashkar Mohamed Mandal of Chittogram, police-station Patnitol.	Do. at Banedwar	2,500 0 0		
		Hari Kanto Sirkar of Jalai, police-station Patiram.	Do. at Jalai	600 0 0		
		Ram Sundar Mondal of Mallikpur, police-station Patiram.	Do. at Mallikpur	500 0 0		
	Dineajpur ...	Lampot Behari Choudhury of Kanjalsi, police-station Patiram.	Do. at Bhatorgaon	700 0 0		
		Manager of Sankarpur Estate ...	Do. at Morail	1,458 0 0		
		Raja Kristendra Narain Rai Bahadur of Balihar, in Rajshahi district.	Do. at Badhapur, police-station Mohadebpur, district Dineajpur.	6,000 0 0		
		Rokatullah Sarkar of Mollahar, police-station Bunsihari.	Tank at Mollahar	500 0 0		
		Maharaja Giriya Nath Roy Bahadur, Dineajpur.	Pucka building for Charitable Dispensary at Raiganj.	1,200 0 0		
		Works costing less than Rs. 500 each.	.....	7,239 0 0		
					23,197 0 0	
		His Highness the Maharaja of Cooh Behar,	Pucka well at Bairagir hat (contribution) at Patgram.	705 0 0		
		Ditto ditto ...	Pucka bridge on the 25th mile Emigration road, 4 spaces of 12 feet (part) at East road.	5,000 0 0		
	Jalpaiguri ...	Ditto ditto ...	Maintenance of portion of road to Haldibari in Patgram, 5 miles.	850 0 0		
		Works costing less than Rs. 500 each.	.....	1,400 0 0		
					7,955 0 0	
	Darjeeling ...	Nil	Nil ... ..	.....	.....
		Bhola Nath Sarkar of Madati, police-station Kaliganj.	Tank at Madati	500 0 0		
	Rangpur ...	Works costing less than Rs. 500 each.	.....	3,715 0 0		
					4,215 0 0	
		Moza Mondal ...	Tank at Nanglu, police-station Bogra ...	758 0 0		
	Bogra ...	Ayon Khan ...	Do. at Panchkhaw, police-station Bogra ...	911 0 0		
		Mado Pramanik ...	Do. at Namiya, police-station Bogra ...	1,119 0 0		
		Haranco Akanda ...	Do. at Chak Jora, police-station Bogra ...	795 0 0		
		Carried over	8,583 0 0	

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DIVISION.	District.	Name of Donor.	Purpose.	Amount.	Total of district.	Grand total of Division.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		Brought forward	...	Rs. A. P. 3,583 0 0	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
	Bogra—concl.	Din Pramanik	Tank at Boyra, police-station Bogra	1,175 0 0		
		Amira Pramanik	Do. at ditto	1,000 0 0		
		Hakimullah Sarkar	Do. at Sripur, police-station Adamdighi	800 0 0		
		Ramjoy Shaha	Do. at Adamdighi, Bandar, police-station Adamdighi.	1,500 0 0		
		Srimati Bhuban Moyee Chaudhuri.	Do. at Behighra, police-station Adamdighi.	1,000 0 0		
		Works costing less than Rs. 500 each.	.....	Nil		
					9,058 0 0	
		Nawab Khaja Ashanullah	Tank at Muradpur, Shazadpur police-station...	1,400 0 0		
		Gazaria Mahota	Do. at Dhaljan, Raiganj police-station	800 0 0		
		Kali Prasanna Bhaduri	Do. at ditto	900 0 0		
	Pabna	Ali Pramanik	Do. at Kabaripara, Raiganj police-station	1,200 0 0		
		Solim Khan	Do. at Majupur, Raiganj police-station	500 0 0		
		Hyder Mondal	Do. at Kharkharia, Raiganj police-station	1,500 0 0		
		Bhudhai Pramanik	Do. at Dighari, Raiganj police-station	900 0 0		
		Chatf Pramanik	Do. at ditto	800 0 0		
		Rai Banomali Roy Bahadur	(a) Lady Dufferin Fund	1,000 0 0		
		Ditto ditto	(b) Tanks	4,000 0 0		
		Babu Sarat Chandra Chowdhury of Parsadanga.	Tank in commemoration of His Honour's visit.	15,000 0 0		
		Srimoti Krishna Kumari Chowdhurani of Tarna.	For founding a scholarship in commemoration of His Honour's visit.	6,000 0 0		
		Srimoti Sasi Mukhi Chowdhurani of Poyda.	For re-excavation of a tank in commemoration of His Honour's visit.	4,000 0 0		
		Chowdhury Fasiuddin and brother	For the construction of a Muhammadan boarding-house in connection with the zilla school.	2,000 0 0		
		Rafik-un-nissa and Fakir-un-nissa Chowdhurani of Pabna.	For a new tank in commemoration of His Honour's visit.	2,000 0 0		
		Babu Tarak Nath Pramanik	For re-excavation of a large tank in the Pabna Bazar, known as Amed Khan's tank in commemoration of His Honour's visit.	2,000 0 0		
		Babu Har Sundar Mosumdar of Penona.	For excavation of a tank at Penona in commemoration of His Honour's visit.	2,000 0 0		
		Babu Jogesh Prosanno Bhaduri of Porjanna.	For the excavation of a tank and the opening of a dispensary at Parjana.	1,000 0 0		
		Babu Durga Sundar Roy of Haturia.	For the excavation of a tank in his village in commemoration of His Honour's visit.	15,000 0		
		Babu Rohindra Nath Tagore of Shamsdpur.	For the excavation of masonry wells in his zamindari in commemoration of His Honour's visit.	1,000 0 0		
		Babu Bhubani Charan Chowdhury of Haripur.	For excavation of a tank (in commemoration of His Honour's visit).	1,000 0 0		
		Carried over	64,000 0 0

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7
				Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
		Brought forward ...		64,600 0 0
		A. Chowdhury, Esq. ...	For a Sanskrit Tol house (in commemoration of His Honour's visit.)	800 0 0		
		Babu Durga Kanta Chakrabarty of Saidabad.	For a talk in his village (in commemoration of His Honour's visit.)	500 0 0		
RAJSHAHI ...	Pabna - conold.	Babu Bejoy Chandra Banerjee, of Shazadpur.	Masonry wells in commemoration of His Honour's visit.	500 0 0		
		Objects costing less than Rs. 500 each.		850 0 0		
			Go Bal Bal		66,650 0 0	
			GRAND TOTAL OF DIVISION ...	.....	.....	1,55,489 0
		Babu Ananta Bandopadhyaya ...	Tank at Dattapasa ...	1,300 0 0		
		" Shama Prasad Roy Chowdhuri.	Do. at Paniual ...	700 0 0		
		Ditto ditto ...	Do. at Madhabpur ...	650 0 0		
		Ditto ditto ...	Do. at Sakanta ...	5,000 0 0		
		Bakhar Sheikh ...	Do. at Majhar Char ...	800 0 0		
		Krishna Chandra Saha ...	Do. at Magarapara ...	700 0 0		
		Sadu Sardar ...	Do. at Lakhankhola ...	500 0 0		
		Raja Rajendra Narain Rai Bahadur.	Do. at Joymantap ...	500 0 0		
		Upendra Mandal ...	Do. at Katipura ...	1,000 0 0		
		Babu Surjya Kumar Shome, Manager of Tulipabad Estate.	Do. at Chandpur Tokabera ...	500 0 0		
		Ditto ditto ...	Do. at Pach Lakhi ...	500 0 0		
	Dacca	Nawab Sir Khajeh Absunulla Bahadur, K.C.I.E., C.I.E.	Improvement of the Bariganga and Dhaleswari rivers.	15,000 0 0		
		Babu Keshab Chandra Ghose ...	Excavation of a khal from Jubrahut to Baniajuri, and the construction of a road along the bank of the khal.	500 0 0		
		Raja Rajendra Narain Rai Bahadur of Bhowal.	(a) Extension of the Buri Ganga Bund ...	20,000 0 0		
			(b) Extension of the Simpson Ward of the Dacca Mitford Hospital.	5,000 0 0		
			(c) Excavation of tanks and wells in Bhowal ...	15,000 0 0		
		Rai Pran Sankar Chowdhuri, Bahadur, zamindar, Teeta.	Re-excavation of the tank in the head-quarters of the Manikganj subdivision and for a masonry ghat.	1,000 0 0		
		Babus Janoki Nath Roy and Sita Nath Rai of Bhagyakul.	Excavation of two tanks alongside the Srinagar road.	5,000 0 0		
		Rai Jogendra Kishore Rai Chowdhuri Bahadur of Ramgopalpur.	For the extension of water works for the benefit of the residents of the Government Estate "Wari" Dacca.	1,000 0 0		
		Works costing less than Rs. 500 each.		942 13 3		
		Babu Nand Lal Sen ...	Maintenance of a Charitable Dispensary to be established at the donor's village "Baldhara."	Properties yielding an income of Rs. 516.	75,592 13 8	
					516 0 0	
					76,108 13 8	
		Jorip Mandal ...	Tank at Kak Char ...	1,100 0 0		
		Shakoo Sheikh ...	Do. at Dhanikhola ...	700 0 0		
		Jobari Sheikh ...	Do. at Borobila ...	500 0 0		
		Gour Kapali ...	Do. at Malamora ...	700 0 0		
		Jamal Munshi ...	Do. at Burna ...	500 0 0		
		Hooroo Sarkar ...	Do. at Deviharee ...	500 0 0		
		Farid Bopari ...	Do. at Dari Rampur ...	500 0 0		
		Isht Kaji ...	Do. at Haturea ...	500 0 0		
		Maulvi Abdul Rahaman ...	Do. at Boredoba ...	500 0 0		
		Bhagia Manji ...	Do. at Kandi ...	500 0 0		
		Jongo Sheikh ...	Do. at Begna ...	500 0 0		
		Munsur Bhuia ...	Do. at Bangoo ...	500 0 0		
		Carried over	

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				Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
		Brought forward
	Mymensingh	Babu Golok Chandra Pal ...	Tank at Sova Rampur ...	550 0 0		
		Ijat Mandal ...	Do. at Mirzapur ...	950 0 0		
		Babu Itiaswar Mahanta ...	Do. at Ram Char ...	500 0 0		
		" Shib Krishna Singha of Sonang.	Do. at Tonga ...	500 0 0		
		Babu Kali Nath Chakravarti ...	Do. at Rajnagore ...	700 0 0		
		Maulvi Eemal ...	Road from Baharnagore to Dilalpur	875 0 0		
		Babu Jagat Kishore Acharjya Chowdhury.	Construction of a burning ghat on the donor's land within the Nasirabad Municipality.	1,900 0 0		
		Maharaja Surjya Kanta Acharjya Bahadur of Muktagacha.	Eye Ward in connection with the Nasirabad Dispensary, to be called the "Mackenzie Eye Ward," and maintenance thereof.	7,600 0 0		
		Rai Jogendra Kishore Rai Chowdhuri Bahadur of Ramgopalpur.	For tanks throughout the district, to be called after the name of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor.	10,000 0 0		
		Works costing less than Rs. 500 each.	.....	13,610 0 0		
					44,485 0 0	
	Faridpur	Babu Anukul Chandra Chaudhuri	Tank at Char Faridpur ...	2,050 0 0		
		Jagabandu Das ...	Do. at Rajitpur ...	500 0 0		
		Shashi Nath Saha ...	Do. at Tulashar ...	500 0 0		
		Durga Charan Mandal ...	Do. at Jangalgram ...	650 0 0		
		Giri Mandal ...	Do. at Ghorjari ...	800 0 0		
		Monsundar Mandal ...	Do. at Baniatoli ...	800 0 0		
		Babu Ishan Chandra Sarkar ...	Do. at Trilochanpur ...	750 0 0		
		Molan Bopari ...	Bridge at Kalarkati ...	500 0 0		
		Works costing less than Rs. 500 each.	.....	11,235 0 0		
					17,790 0 0	
	Backergunge	Works costing less than Rs. 500 each.	.....	225 0 0		
					225 0 0	
			GRAND TOTAL ...	...	...	1,38,808 13 8
	Tippera	Tofazal Ahmad Mia ...	Road from Bhatpara to Mathura ...	1,000 0 0		
		Ashraf Hazi ...	Do. from Aganagar to Kalibasar ...	500 0 0		
		Sunaula ...	Tank at Kumarbhug ...	500 0 0		
		Golak Chandra Das ...	Do. at Dhormescha ...	500 0 0		
		Ali Ahmad ...	Do. at Noagaon ...	500 0 0		
		Bansar Ali ...	Do. at Noapara ...	500 0 0		
		Jahi Muhammad ...	Do. at Begipur ...	500 0 0		
		Mon Gazi ...	Do. at Nairpur ...	500 0 0		
		Sarat Chandra Banikya ...	Do. at Chandidhar ...	500 0 0		
		Muluk Chand Saha ...	Do. at Mandalbhag ...	600 0 0		
		Babu Krishna Prosad Roy Chowdhury and Babu Gopce Mohon Roy Chowdhury.	Building for the Brahmanberia Dispensary ...	1,500 0 0		
		Works costing less than Rs. 500 each.	.....	7,650 0 0		
					14,650 0 0	
		Kanal Kabiraj ...	Culvert at Rajarampur ...	500 0 0		
		Anu Mia and Waruddin Mia ...	Road passing through the villages of Nalua, Sripur, Padua, Motori.	500 0 0		
	Nonkhali	Works costing less than Rs. 500 each.	1,437 0 0		
					3,437 0 0	
		Carried over

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7
				Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
CHITTAGONG— consolid.		Brought forward
	Chittagong ...	Ram Kinkar Nandi Works costing less than Rs. 500 each.	Tank at Khaok Kholi Hat ...	1,100 0 0 1,070 0 0	2,170 0 0	
	Chittagong Hill Tracts.	.....	Nil	.....	.....
		GRAND TOTAL OF DIVISION ...	.....	.....	.....	19,257 0
	Patna ...	Munsamat Sogra ... Works costing less than Rs. 500 each.	Tank at Bihar town ...	2,267 0 0 100 0 0	2,367 0 0	
	Gaya ...	Babu Chhotey Lal Sijwar, C.I.E.	Masonry ghat at Dheoghat, near Bishunpada Temple, Gaya.	20,000 0 0		
		" Dirgopal Lal ...	Moribund ward, Gaya Hospital ...	1,900 0 0		
		" Akhuj Ram ...	Well at Aurungabad ...	500 8 0		
		Raja Ramowar Prosad Narayan Singh of Muksudpur.	Construction of private cottage wards attached to the hospital under the management of the Gaya Branch Committee of the Countess of Dufferin's Fund.	25,000 0 0		
		Works costing less than Rs. 500 each.	.....	4,925 0 0	52,325 8 0	
	Shahabad ...	Babu Rambaran Singh of Nihi ...	Tank at Mahuari ...	2,000 0 0		
		Maulvi Bakhtaur Jolaba of Saidpur.	Do. at Saidpur ...	1,000 0 0		
		Works costing less than Rs. 500 each.	.....	12,245 0 0	15,245 0 0	
	Saran ...	Babu Toka Chamar of Baranpura	Tank at Baranpura ...	2,020 0 0		
		Iear Singh of Sirpal Basant	Do at Bhagwan, Chapra	1,500 0 0		
		" Bhugwan Dyal Singh of Amnour, Sultan.	Do. at Amnour, Sultan	1,000 0 0		
		" Keshri Pershad ...	Do. at Phulpura ...	1,100 0 0		
		" Gundi Sukul ...	Do. at Matool, Chapra	1,000 0 0		
		" Atu Das ...	Do. at Bishumbherpur	900 0 0		
		Works costing less than Rs. 500 each.	.....	18,487 0 0	26,007 0 0	
	Champan ...	Babu Sheosahai Gondhi	Well at Lulpura ...	500 0 0		
		Maulvi Janab Ali Khan	Bridges at Choubey Tola in Madhubani	6,720 0 0		
		Babu Kuber Pandey	Well at Dumaria ...	1,500 0 0		
		Mr. C. Still, factory Matiaris	Canal at From Shikarpur to factory Matiaris	1,000 0 0		
		Works costing less than Rs. 500 each.	.....	9,073 0 0	18,793 0 0	
	Mazaffarpur ...	Babu Dewa Das Mahanth	Tank at Kufain, pargana Morwakhurd	1,000 0 0		
		Mr. Hickley, Manager of Mohamudpur Factory.	Road at Ghusrawa ...	1,800 0 0		
		Babu Mohabir Prosad	Do. at Bhugwanpur to Dumri and up to Bahadurpur.	2,000 0 0		
		" Ansh Sahni	Tank from Minapur ...	700 0 0		
		" Sunoo Misir	Do. at Purkhoul	500 0 0		
		" Mohan Gowala	Do. at Majoerwa	500 0 0		
		" Gopal Sah Sudi	Do. at Bhutahi	500 0 0		
		" Jugdev Sahni	Do. at Singha (hour)	1,000 0 0		
		" Rameshwar Chowbey	Do. at Rudhoul	500 0 0		
		Maulvi Sheik Mahboob Ali	Do. at Bath	1,000 0 0		
		Babu Mohanth Jugputair	Road at Manickchaul	500 0 0		
		Works costing less than Rs. 500 each.	.....	11,300 0 0	20,800 0 0	
	Darbhanga ...	Munsamat Sitli Tellin of Madhubani.	Tank at Dhobgawan ...	500 0 0		
		Babu Babu Lal Jha, Gosai of Patore.	Do. at Pitamar Patore	1,000 0 0		
		" Dukhmochun Misir of Bhuskoul.	Do. at Bhuskoul	750 0 0		
		" Bhajoo Gowala of Kakerghati.	Do. at Kakerghati	1,000 0 0	3,250 0 0	
		Carried over	

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1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.
				Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
		Brought forward	3,250 0 0
		Maulvi Mola Bux of Bijli	Tank at Bijli	1,000 0 0		
		" Jowhar Mian of Pathra...	Do. at Pathra	2,000 0 0		
		Babu Kaili Koori	Do. at Jatlar	1,500 0 0		
		" Kesho Lal Agarwala	Do. at Maco Pipra	4,000 0 0		
		" Keski Rout	Do. at Seonagar	700 0 0		
		" Ramni Mahto	Do. at Balhi	1,100 0 0		
		" Harakh Koori of Ahilwar	Well at Ahilwar	500 0 0		
		Widow of Babu Gobind Missir	Tank at Bishunpur Patore	700 0 0		
		Babu Badri Thakur	Do. at Bandi Tola Usahi	700 0 0		
		" Mahabir Singh	Do. at Sheikhpara	3,000 0 0		
		" Hirdi Barni	Do. at Gangduar	1,700 0 0		
		" Batak Thakur Sonar of Kaposi.	Do. at Kaposi	500 0 0		
		Mussamat Shashiman Chowdrain of Loba.	Do. at Teotha	1,000 0 0		
		Babu Sona Chowdhri of Chibuli.	Do. at Godhalla	500 0 0		
		" Chand Mahtha	Do. at Kharaghani	900 0 0		
		" Thakar	Do. at Parha	500 0 0		
		" Nathur Singh	Do. at Auraha	500 0 0		
		" Rhoob Gope	Do. at Persa	700 0 0		
		" Mani Marar	Do. at Sangi	800 0 0		
		" Musohore Gope	Do. at Keotna	500 0 0		
		" Hitalul Jha	Do. at Hatni	500 0 0		
		Maulvi Shaikh Ameer of Darab	Do. at Darab	500 0 0		
		Babu Horil Koori of Parmashra	Do. at Parmashra	1,000 0 0		
		" Bawko Koori of Parmashra.	Do. at Ditto	1,000 0 0		
		Maulvi Babulla Khan	Do. at Sisowni	700 0 0		
		Babu Jhanman Toli	Do. at Balimobath	500 0 0		
		" Moti Chowdheri	Do. at Shibnagar	1,000 0 0		
		" Rambu K Mander	Do. at Pathrabi	500 0 0		
		Maulvi Rang Shah	Do. at Tennuahi	800 0 0		
		Babu Musharraf Sahoo Kalwar of Gobrahi.	Do. at Doolipatti	2,000 0 0		
		" Gunga Bishun Rai	Do. at Ditto	500 0 0		
		" Fatoori Khatwa	Do. at Sehboli	600 0 0		
		" Baekkan Jha	Do. at Junki	700 0 0		
		" Shubran Pandey	Do. at Khawana	600 0 0		
		Mussamat Pali Chowdhriani of Khirhoer.	Do. at Ootri	1,300 0 0		
		" Main Kuer of Bishunpur.	Do. at Bishunpur	1,200 0 0		
		Works costing less than Rs. 500 each.	.....	23,538 0 0	62,988 0 0	
		DIVISIONAL TOTAL	.....	.....	.....	1,98,525 0 0
		Ram Tahal Singh	Tank at Ibrahimpur	1,400 0 0		
		Neara Ojha	Do. at Garuigam	800 0 0	2,200 0 0	
		Wife of Achul Koiri	Pucka well at Tetri	500 0 0		
		Kari Sabu	2 well at Baro	500 0 0	1,000 0 0	
					3,200 0 0	
		Raja Ram Narain Singh Bahadur of Kharia.	For public purposes at the discretion of the District Magistrate.	15,000 0 0		
		Rai Kamalawari Prosad Singh Bahadur.	For a sanatorium hospital in the town of Monghyr	8,000 0 0		
					23,000 0 0	
		Works costing less than Rs. 500 each.	.....	.....	17,900 0 0	
					44,166 0 0	
		Babu Jagdamba Prosad Singh	Bandh at Kakwara (Banka)	600 0 0		
		" Bahgram Singh	Do. at Ghansipur do.	500 0 0		
		" Ditto	Do. at Rakouli do.	500 0 0		
		Mohasbaya Tarak Nath Ghose	Pucka waterway at Baroni (Banka)	5,044 0 0		
		" Ditto	Sluice at Rajabar	1,420 0 0		
		" Ditto	Repair to bandhs in several mauzas of Bhagalpur.	1,700 0 0		
		" Ditto	Bandh at Bhurko	1,379 0 0		
		Carried over	11,173 0 0	

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7
				Ra. A. P.	Ra. A. P.	Ra. A. P.
		Brought forward	11,173 0 0
		Mr. Morrison ...	Tank at Khairbuna (Dolgong) ...	1,000 0 0		
		Mussamut Sankari Brahmini ...	Do. at Mauza Bisambharpur in Amerpur ...	1,100 0 0		
		Babu Kali Prasad Singh ...	Do. at Mauza Auria police-station Banka ...	1,00 0 0		
		" Girja Dut Dass ...	Do. at Hardi (Supaul) ...	500 0 0		
		" Shankar Mander ...	Do. at Digbia do. ...	500 0 0		
		" Lala Moan ...	Do. at Jhukbrahi do. ...	500 0 0		
		" Jhumak Koeri ...	Do. at Baiseo do. ...	500 0 0		
		" Bidya Lal ...	Do. at Dagmara do. ...	700 0 0		
		" Bhugwani Gope ...	Do. at Dhara (Protahganj) ...	600 0 0		
		" Bachha Mander ...	Do. at Jagdiepur ditto ...	900 0 0		
		" Gopal Mander ...	Do. at Kamalpur ditto ...	500 0 0		
		" Khushi Sahu ...	Do. at Raniganj ditto ...	600 0 0		
		" Mangal Sahu ...	Do. at Bhumnagar ditto ...	600 0 0		
	Bhagalpur ...				9,500 0 0	
		Rai Tejnarain Singh Bahadur ...	Pucka well at Gouspur ...	500 0 0		
		Babu Masudan Mander ...	Ditto at Mustafapur ...	550 0 0		
		Thakrain Mohkam Kumari ...	Ditto at Ghutia Kaligarhi (Banka) ...	500 0 0		
		Babu Gobind Bhagat ...	Well at Mauza Bisambhar chak Belhar outpost.	600 0 0		
					2,150 0 0	
		Works costing less than Rs. 500 each.	.....	.....	22,823 0 0	
					6,948 0 0	
					29,771 0 0	
		Babu Keri Jha ...	Tank at Chikni-Dhamdaha, police-station ...	1,000 0 0		
		" Madhu Shah ...	Do. at Dholbaja-Matiari, police-station ...	600 0 0		
		" Kharsu Mandal ...	Do. at Khairka ditto ...	500 0 0		
		" Bechu Bhagat ...	Do. at Thina Moban ditto ...	900 0 0		
BHAGALPUR— contd.	Purnea ...	Jangli Mandal ...	Well at Rupali-Dhamdaha, police-station ...	500 0 0		
		Works costing less than Rs. 500 each.	.....	300 0 0	4,100 0	
		Garibulla Mandal ...	Tank at Gohalbari ...	500 0 0		
		Kanakmani Chowdharani ...	Do. at Santoshpur ...	700 0 0		
		Works costing less than Rs. 500 each.	.....	235 0 0	1,435 0 0	
	Malda ...					
	Sonthal Par-ganas ...	Babu Ram Charan Singh ..	Tank at Mauza Katmirki, Subdivision Deogbur.	500 0 0		
		Works costing less than Rs. 500 each.	.....	1,774 0 9	2,274 0 9	
		GRAND TOTAL ...	.....	.....	.....	81,736
	Cuttack ...	Raja Baikuntha Nath De Bahadur, of Balasore.	Cleaning and re-excavating a tank in the Manipur Chatti on the Jagannath road.	600 0 0		
		Works costing less than Rs. 500 each.	.....	1,696 4 0	2,296 4 0	
ORISSA ...	Balasore ...	Balabhadra Prasad Das, of Mangalpur, police-station Boro.	One tank at Gopinathpur ...	1,000 0 0		
		Suderson Sahu, of Sankhara, police-station Barubeppur.	Do. at Bacehada ...	700 0 0	1,700 0 0	
		Carried over	

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		Brought forward	Rs. A. P. 1,700 0 0	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
	Balasore	Achuti Behera, of Sundiragundi, police-station Soro. Dhani Mahapatra, of Bouth, police-station Bhadrak.	One tank at Maruba ... Do. at Bouth ...	600 0 0 600 0 0		
		Babu Satyendra Nath De	A ward for in-door patients and quarters for the Hospital Assistants attached to the Syamanund Dispensary.	5,000 0 0		
		Works costing less than Rs. 500 each.		4,850 0 0	12,750 0 0	
	Puri	Works costing less than Rs. 500 each.		1,181 0 0	1,181 0 0	
		GRAND TOTAL OF DIVISION				16,227 4 0
	Hasaribagh	Messrs. F. F. Christen & Co. ... Ditto ditto ...	A tank at Tisree, thana Gawa ... Two wells at Tingho Narana, thana Gawan ...	4,000 0 0 800 0 0		
		Tikait Todal Narayan Singh ... Works costing less than Rs. 500 each.	Ditto at Amtand, thana Gawan ...	800 0 0 965 0 0	6,565 0 0	
	Lohardaga	Tarini Charan Lal ...	Erection of a new building for Middle English School at Lohardaga.	500 0 0		
		Works costing less than Rs. 500 each.		500 0 0	1,000 0 0	
	Palaman	Works costing less than Rs. 500 each.		40 0 0	40 0 0	
	Manbhum...	Bhubon Mahto ... Gonesh Sakar ... Qarib Fakir ... Nando Lal Goral ... Works costing less than Rs. 500 each.	A tank at Dhanura ... Do. at Shanpur ... A well at Bansa ... A tank at Chirkunda ...	500 0 0 700 0 0 500 0 0 1,500 0 0 1,360 0 0	4,560 0 0	
	Singhbhum	Dhalbhum Encumbered estate ... Pita Tanti ... Works costing less than Rs. 500 each.	A tank at Pakhuria ... Do. at Gobindpur ...	2,000 0 0 500 0 0 1,020 0 0	3,520 0 0	
		GRAND TOTAL				15,695 0 0
		Petty donations in several districts.		1,531 0 0	1,531 0 0	1,531 0 0
			Provincial Total			11,37,892 6 9

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RESOLUTION—No. 5344L.S.-G.

READ—

The Reports from Commissioners of Divisions on the working of the District Boards in Bengal during 1896-97.

Read again—

The Resolution reviewing the Divisional Reports on the working of the District Boards in Bengal during 1895-96.

Only three out of the eight Divisional Reports for 1896-97 were received on or about the prescribed date, viz., those from the Bhagalpur, Dacca and Chittagong Divisions. Those shown on the margin

Report from the Rajshahi Division, dated the 10th August 1897.

Report from the Burdwan Division, dated the 23rd August 1897.

Report from the Orissa Division, dated the 26th August 1897.

Report from the Presidency Division, dated the 4th September 1897.

Report from the Patna Division, dated the 13th September 1897.

were submitted very late, the last three being 31 days, 37 days and 45 days, respectively, behind time. It has been explained in some cases that the delay was caused by the submission of incomplete or late reports by some District Officers. The Officiating Lieutenant-Governor trusts that steps will be taken to ensure the earlier preparation of these reports in future.

2. *Constitution and working of District and Local Boards.*—The number of District Boards remained unchanged during the year; but, in consequence of the abolition of the Sadar Local Board of the Muzaffarpur district and the establishment of two new Local Boards in the district of Noakhali, the total number of Local Boards was increased from 103 to 104. Of the 794 members of District Boards, 182 held their seats *ex-officio*, 287 were nominated by Government and 325 were elected by the Local Boards, against 176, 290 and 328, respectively, in the previous year. There was an increase of five official members and a corresponding decrease of non-official members. The number of European or Eurasian members was 191, against 198 in the preceding year, the remainder being natives of the country. The total number of meetings held by the District Boards was one more than in the previous year, and the average attendance at each meeting was 10.9, against 10.1 in 1895-96. The improvement noticed last year in the number of meetings that had to be adjourned and of those that proved abortive for want of a quorum was maintained during the year, the figure for the last two years being 54, as against 71 in 1894-95. The 104 Local Boards had a total strength of 1,255 members. Of these, 43 held their seats *ex-officio*, 794 were nominated by Government and 418 were elected members. The number of official members was 155 and of non-officials 1,100. There were only 106 European and Eurasian members in the Local Boards, the rest being natives of India. The Local Boards called 1,119 meetings during the year under report, or 48 less than in 1895-96. Of this number, 182 were adjourned or proved abortive from the absence of a quorum. There was an improvement in the attendance of members, the average number present at each meeting being 5.7, against 4.9 in the previous year. Taking the classes separately, the attendance of official members remained unchanged, while that of the non-official members increased from 4.0 to 4.8. The Rampur Hât and Supaul Local Boards head the list with 20 meetings during the year.

3. *Elections.*—General elections of members of Local Boards were held during the year in Mymensingh, Backergunge, Midnapore and the several districts of the Orissa Division, but they do not appear to have aroused any general interest.

4. *Occupation of Members.*—The following table classifies the members of the several District and Local Boards according to their professions and occupations:—

	GOVERNMENT SERVANTS.		ZAMINDARS, &c.		PLEADERS AND MUKHTARS.		PLANTERS.		MISSIONARIES.		GOVERNMENT PENSIONERS.		OTHER OCCUPATIONS.		Total number of members.
	Number.	Ratio per cent.	Number.	Ratio per cent.	Number.	Ratio per cent.	Number.	Ratio per cent.	Number.	Ratio per cent.	Number.	Ratio per cent.	Number.	Ratio per cent.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
District Boards	248	31.2	242	30.5	175	22.0	30	7.4	8	1.0	14	1.7	48	6.0	794
Local Boards...	186	12.4	55	4.1	513	26.5	40	3.9	6	.6	25	1.9	138	10.6	1,255

The numbers of Government servants, zamindars, pleaders and mukhtars on both the District and Local Boards show an increase over the figures of 1895-96. The other fluctuations do not call for remark.

5. *Powers of Local Boards.*—The only changes in respect of the powers of Local Boards were the withdrawal of the control of secondary education from the Local Boards in Burdwan, and the delegation of the charge of minor water works to the Local Boards of Cuttack.

6. *Union Committees.*—The system of Union Committees was extended by the formation of 5 unions in Balasore, 4 in Noakhali, and 1 in Pabna and Malda. The following statement gives particulars regarding the constitution, income and expenditure of the several Union Committees:—

Division and District.	Name of Union.	Date of establishment.	Area.	Population.	Number of members.	Number of meetings held.	INCOME.						EXPENDITURE.			
							Receipts under the Cattle Trespass Act.	Contribution by the District Board.	Receipts under section 118 of the Act.	All other receipts.	Total.	From receipts under the Cattle Trespass Act.	From contribution by the District Board.	From receipts under section 118 of the Act.	From all other receipts.	Total.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Burdwan	1896.		Sq. miles.				Rs.	Rs.		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs. A P.			Rs. A P.
	Memari ...	1st January ...	12	10,323	9	4	...	27	...	...	277	...	70 0 0	...	...	70 0 0
	Bankar-Baipar ...	1st ...	12	10,473	9	3	...	195	...	...	195	...	108 0 0	...	...	108 0 0
	Baddiput ...	1st ...	10	5,922	9	3	...	280	...	...	280	...	...	...	...	...
	Baganpara ...	1st ...	10	7,160	9	4	...	260	...	...	260	...	...	...	...	...
	Trikhund ...	1st ...	8	8,500	9	5	...	212	...	...	212	...	212 0 0	...	...	212 0 0
	Tribatli ...	1st ...	10	11,300	9	3	...	180	...	...	180	...	103 0 0	...	...	103 0 0
	Total ...	...	62	53,678	54	20	...	1,323	...	...	1,323	...	504 0 0	...	...	504 0 0
	1896.															
	Contal ...	1st July ...	7½	12,771	7	11	...	575	...	...	575	...	270 14 0	...	...	270 14 0
Balasore	Naspur ...	19th October ...	10	8,581	9	3	...	680	...	...	680	...	258 13 0	...	...	258 13 0
	Barra ...	18th September ...	10	20,536	9	15	...	512	...	...	512	...	...	...	...	...
	Chaukura ...	14th June ...	10	12,443	12	4	...	477	...	...	477	...	455 15 0	...	...	455 15 0
	Pipra ...	13th September ...	(approximate).	10,064	9	5	...	565	...	...	565	...	546 8 6	...	...	546 8 6
	Lowada ...	25th August ...	Not known	6,904	9	5	...	660	...	...	660	...	646 14 3	...	...	646 14 3
	Total ...	...	...	61,859	55	42	...	3,469	...	...	3,469	...	2,188 0 0	...	...	2,188 0 0
	1896.															
	Pandua ...	8th December ...	6	6,516	6	4	212	150	...	...	362	212	125 0 0	...	...	337 0 0
	Balingar ...	3rd ...	20	10,500	9	13	104	436	...	...	600	...	431 8 0	...	...	431 8 0
	Chandit-ila ...	1st July ...	3	10,827	6	7	80	195	...	...	275	80	195 0 0	...	...	275 0 0
Noakhali	Haripal ...	1st ...	3	6,000	7	7	100	177	...	...	277	10	31 9 3	...	...	131 9 3
	Bali ...	1st ...	10	12,127	7	7	80	300	...	...	380	80	275 11 6	...	...	355 11 6
	Total ...	...	40	50,970	37	58	696	1,258	...	...	1,954	472	1,028 13 9	...	...	1,540 13 9
	1896.															
	Jagatvallebhar ...	31st August ...	75	85,261	9	Not reported.	...	451	...	...	451	...	31 0 0	...	...	31 0 0
	Domjur ...	31st ...	80	147,740	9	Ditto	...	500	...	...	500	...	144 0 0	...	...	144 0 0
	Bagnan ...	31st ...	85	68,532	9	13	...	504	...	30	530	...	262 0 0	...	...	262 0 0
	Amra ...	31st ...	103	134,028	9	10	...	512	...	...	512	...	...	...	...	...
	Total	321	482,664	50	23	...	1,957	...	26	1,983	...	430 0 0	430 0 0
	Divisional Total...	860,001	182	123	636	8,000	...	26	8,071	472	4,180 13 6	4,601 13 9

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							Receipts under the Cattle Tresspass Act.	Contribution by the District Board.	Receipts under section 118 of the Act.	All other receipts.	Total.	From receipts under the Cattle Tresspass Act.	From contribution by the District Board.	From receipts under section 118 of the Act.	From all other receipts.	Total.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
PRESIDENCY.	24 Parganas...	1895	Sq. miles.				Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs. A. P.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
		Basudebpur ... 11th December ...	6	5,400	9	14	25	91	...	145	264	25	...	...	145	...
		Itenda ... 1st July ...	10	13,460	9	2	30	270	...	...	300	30	...	...	...	...
		Jodurbeti ... 1st " ...	10	11,922	9	3	40	236	...	...	268	40	...	...	...	...
	Total ...	.....	26	30,778	27	19	95	590	...	145	830	95	590 0 0	...	145	590
	Nadia ...	1895.														
		Kissanganj ... May ...	10	11,085	7	8	...	285	...	...	265	...	265 0 0	...	...	265
		Murgacha ... 28th April ...	10	12,227	9	5	...	310	...	...	310	...	310 0 0	...	...	310
		Porada ... 26th January ...	6	9,943	7	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Murehidabad ...	1895.														
		Chaudanga ... 18th April ...	10	8,186	7	3	...	55	...	...	55	...	55 0 0	...	...	55
		Total ...	26	42,441	30	20	...	530	...	...	530	...	530 0 0	...	...	530
															
	Jessore ...	1895.														
		Binkar ... September ...	9	4,226	9	4	...	250	...	...	250	...	108 0 0	...	...	108
		Panchthupi ... " ...	10	10,140	9	5	...	250	...	...	250	...	97 0 0	...	...	97
		Mirsapur ... " ...	12	9,691	9	6	...	250	...	...	250	...	250 0 0	...	...	250
	Khulna ...	1895.														
		Dhulyan ... " ...	25	14,63	9	6	...	250	...	...	250	...	100 0 0	...	...	100
		Total ...	55	38,250	36	21	...	1,000	...	...	1,000	...	550 0 0	...	...	550
															
	Tippore ...	1895.														
		Kishupur ... 14th October ...	17	13,291	9	6	105	71	...	...	174	71	...	...	...	174
		Gorapota ... 31st November ...	10	15,55	9	4	208	50	...	...	348	261	50 0 0	...	...	311
		Harinakunda ... 1896 ...	8	9,453	9	4	266	50	...	...	316	232	...	...	...	232
	Chittagong.	1895.														
		Benodepur ... 3rd December ...	...	...	9	10	192	...	...	...	192	173	...	...	...	173
		Kalia ... 30th November ...	36	14,790	9	15	200	100	...	...	300	200	98 0 0	...	...	298
		Total ...	71	53,187	45	20	1,049	271	...	...	1,320	926	148 0 0	...	...	1,474
	Orissa.	1895.														
		Bonhati ... 16th December ...	20	11,062	9	7	...	658	...	...	658	...	356 0 0	...	...	356
		Dumuria ... 16th " ...	5	7,700	9	2	...	342	26	2	370	...	358 0 0	26	2	370
		Bazirhat ... 9th " ...	12	7,690	9	4	...	571	...	...	571	...	508 0 0	...	...	508
	Chittagong.	1896.														
		Mughur ... 9th " ...	20	12,546	9	11	...	575	...	...	575	...	505 0 0	...	...	505
		Kalaroa ... 10th January ...	20	9,646	9	6	...	604	...	...	608	...	607 0 0	...	...	607
		Magura ... 10th " ...	50	10,543	9	9	...	342	...	119	51	...	342 0 0	...	5	347
	Total ...	.....	127	67,016	54	40	...	3,466	26	121	3,213	...	2,700 0 0	26	7	2,733
	Divisional Total...	.....	316	231,616	192	120	1,144	5,457	90	268	6,803	1,021	4,576 0 0	26	152	5,733
	Chittagong.	1895.														
		Laksham ... 1st April ...	9	10,644	5	4	...	500	...	...	500	...	165 0 0	...	...	165
		Sarail ... 1st " ...	10	9,752	5	4	...	545	...	...	545	...	522 0 0	...	...	522
		Nabinagar ... 1st " ...	10	10,000	5	6	...	500	...	...	500	...	408 0 0	...	...	408
	Noakhali ...	1896.														
		Chandpur ... 1st " ...	10	8,328	5	6	...	667	...	166	1,063	...	806 0 0	...	166	1,063
		Matlab ... 1st " ...	9	6,602	5	3	20	500	...	...	620	...	500 0 0	...	...	500
		Total ...	46	45,846	25	23	20	2,960	...	165	3,125	...	2,551 0 0	...	166	2,717
	Orissa.	1896.														
		Hatiya ... 1st July ...	17	13,291	6	2	...	48	...	...	48	...	9 0 0	...	...	48
		Lakshmipar ... 1st " ...	13	11,062	6	3	...	48	...	...	48	...	7 0 0	...	...	48
		Bandwip ... 1st " ...	10	9,215	6	4	...	48	...	...	48	...	13 0 0	...	...	48
	Balasore ...	1896.														
		Peni ... 1st " ...	10	9,012	6	1	...	48	...	...	48	...	...	...	...	48
		Total ...	50	43,297	24	10	...	192	...	...	192	...	30 0 0	...	...	192
															
	Divisional Total...	.....	107	80,043	40	23	20	3,142	...	165	3,307	...	3,690 0 0	...	166	3,473
	Orissa.	1896.														
		Jellacore ... 1st September ...	About 10 square miles.	10,584	9	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Borthampore ... 1st " ...	Ditto	10,773	9	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Bemuna ... 1st " ...	Ditto	10,42	9	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Orissa.	1896.														
		Soro ... 1st " ...	Ditto	10,419	9	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Bhadrak ... 14th December ...	2-35 square miles.	11,843	9	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Total ...	...	53,539	45	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Divisional Total...	.....	...	929,329	468	303	1,500	16,008	23	487	18,921	1,493	11,365 13 6	26	847	13,212
	GRAND TOTAL...	.....	...	929,329	468	303	1,500	16,008	23	487	18,921	1,493	11,365 13 6	26	847	13,212

* The allotment made to this union was withdrawn for famine relief.

Excluding those in Pabna and Malda which had not been fully constituted during the year, there were altogether 57 unions covering an area of nearly 950 square miles with a population of 969,329. The number of members was 468, all of whom were appointed by the Commissioners of the Divisions. The number of meetings held was 303. The sources from which their income was derived are shown in columns 8 to 11, the total receipts being Rs. 18,921, of which Rs. 13,222 were spent. Only 17 unions spent the whole, or nearly the whole, amount allotted to them during the year. The work done consisted chiefly of improvement of tanks and repair of roads within their respective jurisdictions. The Commissioner of Burdwan reports that the

Union Committees in Midnapore appear generally to have worked well during the year, the only exception being Daspur, which sent in bills for more money than it actually spent and supported the bills by false vouchers. In the district of Hooghly all the Committees, except those of Balagar and Haripal, expended the sums allotted to them, and submitted their accounts regularly. The unions in the district of Howrah are said to have evinced very little interest in their duties, except when the question of allotting the sum placed at their disposal first came up for consideration. The Union Committees in the 24-Parganas are said to have done good work, and the Chairman of the District Board thinks that they will be serviceable in improving village sanitation. In Khulna they are said to have taken great interest in their work, but the Chairman remarks that unless more funds are placed at their disposal, it is hopeless to expect any material improvement in the villages. The Commissioner of the Presidency Division observes:—

The unions are made far too large to excite the local interests of substantial villagers, who are the class to whom it is desirable that the conduct of village affairs should be confided, and the Committees are formed of the fussy class of whose maladministration municipalities furnish numerous instances. If there is to be Local Self-Government in a union, the area must not be too large for all the people to take a joint interest in its roads, schools, pounds, ferries or dispensaries, and then the people will be glad to have those institutions managed by their own representatives. The true representatives of the people find it impossible to take an interest in the overgrown areas of the unions, and the present Committees do not represent the people at all.

The Union Committees in Nadia have had very little to do during the year, as a portion of the funds placed at their disposal was withdrawn for expenditure on famine relief. In the district of Tippera, the Chandpur and Matlab Union Committees worked satisfactorily; and the Chairman of the Sarail Union is reported to have taken much interest in his work. The Union Committees in the district of Noakhali met only once or twice towards the close of the year to transact some formal business. There has been no change in the powers entrusted to Union Committees. Account Rules for Union funds were framed and brought into operation with effect from 1st April 1896.

7. *Financial Results.*—The table below compares the income and expenditure of the District Boards under all main heads for 1895-96 and 1896-97:—

		INCOME.	
		1895-96.	1896-97.
		Rs.	Rs.
VI.—Provincial Rates	...	36,27,156	37,73,615
XII.—Interest	...	35,102	45,881
XVII.—Police (including Pounds)	...	4,15,947	4,74,146
XIX.—Education	...	53,836	53,599
XX.—Medical	...	24,489	23,066
XXI.—Scientific and other Minor Departments	...	6,692	4,887
XXIII.—Stationery and Printing	...	1,027	896
XXV.—Miscellaneous	...	1,81,023	2,08,839
XXX.—Irrigation—Minor Works and Navigation	...	15,224	16,283
XXXII.—Civil Works (including Ferries)	...	10,89,183	15,49,334
Contributions	...	5,13,192	5,22,374
Debt	...	8,08,115	6,01,312
Total	...	67,70,986	72,74,232
		EXPENDITURE.	
1.—Refunds	...	2	.....
18.—Administration	...	2,97,949	2,98,761
20.—Police (Pounds)	...	16,909	16,873
22.—Education	...	12,26,642	12,02,450
24.—Medical	...	1,92,810	2,12,163
26.—Scientific and other Minor Departments	...	11,277	10,560
29.—Superannuation Allowances and Pension	...	4,171	6,429
30.—Stationery and Printing	...	50,495	53,133
32.—Miscellaneous	...	71,354	62,667
33.—Famine Relief	...	664	2,86,990
43.—Minor Works and Navigation	...	3,618	4,849
45.—Civil Works	...	44,71,881	40,23,157
Contributions	...	2,739	1,09,247
Debt	...	7,36,250	7,90,815
Interest on Debt	...	10,702	15,420
Total	...	70,97,463	70,93,454

The year 1895-96 closed with a credit balance of Rs. 14,05,434 (corrected figures). At the close of the past year, 1896-97, this had risen to Rs. 15,56,212, but more than two lakhs consisted of deposits which were not at the disposal of the Boards. The actual closing balances amounted to more than half of the year's income in Bogra and Tippera and to more than one-third in Dinajpur, Jalpaiguri, Rangpur and Cuttack. The District Funds of Saran, Champaran, Darbhanga, Monghyr and Bhagalpur closed with deficit balances. The expenditure on famine relief operations exhausted all the funds of the Darbhanga and Bhagalpur District Boards which could be made available for the purpose. In Saran the deficit is said to be due to the income from road cess falling considerably short of the estimate.

INCOME.

8. *Provincial Rates.*—The increase of Rs. 1,46,459 over the receipts of the past year is attributed to better collections and also to the increased yield of cesses where estates have been revalued. The decrease in Saran, Champaran, Muzaffarpur, Khulna, Noakhali and Chittagong is ascribed to the bad harvests and high prices of food-grains which rendered it impossible to collect the full amounts due.

9. *Interest.*—The increase under this head from Rs. 35,102 to Rs. 45,581 is mainly due to a larger collection of arrears of road cess.

10. *Pounds.*—The number of pounds increased from 3,583 to 3,661, and their income from Rs. 4,03,462 to Rs. 4,58,821. The deposit of a quarter's rent enjoined in the Resolution for the year 1894-95, and the change in the system of accounts introduced by this Government Notification No. 5053 L.S.-G., dated the 29th December 1896, under which all security deposits are credited to the accounts instead of being held in suspense pending adjustment, have brought about a considerable decrease in the outstanding balance. The new pound forms are in use in all the districts, but complaints are still received of their being too intricate for the farmer. In some districts this difficulty is reported to have been removed by the Inspector of Pounds instructing the farmers how to fill them up. Pounds were inspected by Government and District Board officials when on tour, and in some cases special Inspectors of Pounds have been appointed. Leases of pounds were granted, wherever this was possible, for a longer period than one year to persons of known position and solvency, and complaints against pound-keepers decreased accordingly.

11. *Scientific and other Minor Departments.*—Only five districts, viz., 24-Parganas, Dacca, Shahabad, Saran and Gaya, show receipts under this head, which were derived from conservancy and sanitary arrangements made at certain fairs.

12. *Miscellaneous.*—The increase of revenue under this head from Rs. 1,81,023 to Rs. 2,03,839, is ascribed chiefly to larger recoveries of the cost of collecting arrear cesses.

13. *Minor Works and Navigation.*—The sum of Rs. 200 shown against 24-Parganas represents the rent of a fishery in the drainage channel along the Diamond Harbour Road. The canal revenue in Chittagong rose from Rs. 15,004 to Rs. 16,083, which was due to higher bids at auction.

14. *Civil Works, including Ferries.*—There has been a steady increase in the income from ferries during the past four years, as shown below:—

	Rs.			
1893-94	3,83,158
1894-95	3,94,072
1895-96	4,18,814
1896-97	4,61,884

This satisfactory result is chiefly due to better settlements, but the receipts have also been enhanced by the practice of crediting security deposits as rent. The unexpected inspection of ferries by Government officers on tour has had good results, and in several districts Inspectors of Pounds and Ferries have been appointed to control ferry farmers. With a few exceptions the condition of

ferry-boats, landing-stages and approaches seems to have been good. Several complaints were made during the year of delay in crossing mails on the part of the ferry farmers. These complaints were duly enquired into, and the offenders punished.

15. *Contributions.*—Contributions by Government or private individuals for the execution of particular works (column 63 of Form II) amounted to Rs. 10,46,159, against Rs. 6,63,209 in 1895-96. The contributions to District Boards from Provincial revenues to maintain equilibrium between the receipts and expenditure (column 67 of Form II) amounted to Rs. 5,13,912 against Rs. 5,10,907. In both cases the increased grants made by Government account for the difference.

16. *Loans.*—The District Board of Monghyr obtained from Government, during the year, the first instalment (Rs. 50,000) of a loan of Rs. 1,00,000 sanctioned for bridge and road work. The sum of Rs. 6,000 shown against Chittagong represents the first instalment of a loan obtained by the District Board from a leading zamindar of the district for the excavation of the Sikal baha Canal. The zamindar is reported to have offered to lend the full amount required for the work (Rs. 13,000) without interest for three years.

17. *Deposits and Advances.*—The income under this head decreased from Rs. 6,79,911 to Rs. 5,07,780. The decrease is generally ascribed to the fact that securities for pounds and ferries for the year 1897-98 received in March last were, under the notification referred to in paragraph 15, credited to rent direct and not held in deposit as in previous years.

EXPENDITURE.

18. *Administration.*—The expenditure under this head amounted to Rs. 2,98,761, against Rs. 2,97,949 in 1895-96. The increase is due to the causes mentioned in last year's Resolution.

19. *Education.*—The statement below shows the expenditure incurred by the several District Boards on education during the last two years under its main heads:—

			1895-96.	1896-97.
<i>Inspection.</i>			Rs.	Rs.
Sub-Inspectors ...	...	...	1,75,095	1,83,180
Inspecting Pandits ...	...	...	89,644	90,527
<i>Direct Management.</i>				
Training and other special schools ...	...	...	19,373	20,566
High schools ...	...	...	1,619	1,456
Middle „ ...	...	...	76,298	74,266
Primary „ ...	...	...	7,308	6,922
<i>Aided Schools.</i>				
Training and other special schools ...	...	...	6,723	7,173
High schools ...	...	...	2,344	2,148
Middle „ ...	...	...	1,83,715	1,78,558
Primary „ ...	...	...	5,75,169	5,45,090
<i>Scholarships.</i>				
Scholarships ...	...	...	26,601	27,707
<i>Miscellaneous.</i>				
Building and furniture ...	...	...	5,779	4,798
Payments to abolished schools ...	...	...	8,807	11,663
Examination prizes and rewards ...	...	...	34,152	35,739
Contingent charges ...	...	...	14,016	12,490
Total	...	...	12,26,643	12,02,283

This abstract shows that 45.9 per cent. of the total expenditure on education was devoted to primary schools, 22.7 to inspection and 21.0 to middle schools.

20. The following statement compares for the past two years the expenditure of each District Board on primary education and on education as a whole, and the percentage which the expenditure bears in each case to the ordinary annual income:—

DISTRICT BOARDS.	1896-97.					1896-97.			Per-centage spent on educa-tion of all kinds.	Per-centage spent on pri-mary educa-tion.
	Ordinary income.	Total ex-penditure on educa-tion.	Expendi-ture on primary education.	Per-centage spent on educa-tion of all kinds.	Per-centage spent on pri-mary educa-tion.	Ordinary income.	Total ex-penditure on educa-tion.	Expendi-ture on primary education.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Burdwan Division.										
Burdwan	Rs. 1,08,040	Rs. 50,675	Rs. 29,395	30.1	17.0	1,83,093	51,044	28,598	27.8	15.8
Birbhum	98,740	19,384	13,070	20.7	13.6	98,096	20,025	13,755	21.3	14.0
Bankura	80,861	31,829	22,287	30.0	27.7	1,13,247	31,988	22,316	30.8	19.7
Midnapore	2,00,609	57,531	40,294	28.6	20.0	2,30,003	57,003	40,287	26.6	18.1
Hugli	1,30,039	68,045	37,888	37.1	25.1	1,57,290	37,005	23,187	30.9	18.7
Howrah	69,653	18,384	11,115	29.0	16.9	68,414	18,037	8,939	21.7	13.1
Total	7,41,297	2,26,948	1,49,053	30.6	20.1	8,22,104	2,13,002	1,37,183	25.9	16.6
Presidency Division.										
24 Parganas	1,72,905	44,932	31,761	25.9	18.3	1,71,938	49,078	35,421	28.8	20.6
Nadia	1,07,539	33,231	20,702	30.9	19.1	1,22,915	31,005	20,217	25.3	16.0
Murshidabad	91,346	31,449	18,368	22.7	16.2	96,478	31,173	18,876	21.9	16.4
Jessore	1,19,769	34,359	22,075	28.6	18.4	1,34,420	35,583	23,298	26.4	17.3
Khulna	1,18,700	30,397	18,853	27.9	17.3	1,04,637	27,100	19,190	26.7	18.8
Total	6,01,460	1,64,438	1,09,663	27.3	18.0	6,50,398	1,64,892	1,13,002	25.7	17.8
Rajshahi Division.										
Rajshahi	1,11,446	20,650	19,093	22.9	17.9	1,14,732	27,220	31,341	23.7	18.8
Dinajpur	1,20,178	31,318	23,002	24.7	18.1	1,26,500	30,108	21,085	24.0	17.6
Jalpaiguri	80,902	13,123	8,338	14.6	9.7	1,14,082	13,103	9,011	11.8	7.8
Bankpur	1,78,188	41,607	31,000	29.0	17.5	1,97,372	50,300	31,007	25.8	16.1
Bogra	65,739	16,022	9,437	21.6	14.4	62,934	15,303	8,787	24.8	14.1
Pabna	80,924	31,359	20,702	30.0	23.0	82,710	29,813	18,061	34.8	23.1
Total	6,56,396	1,69,046	1,13,782	29.7	17.3	6,89,475	1,66,703	1,11,800	23.9	16.9
Dacca Division.										
Dacca	1,18,753	43,013	30,621	26.3	25.7	1,25,420	43,116	30,374	24.3	24.1
Mymensingh	2,44,740	63,070	46,212	20.1	18.8	2,60,150	64,426	37,830	21.0	14.5
Faridpur	90,398	40,378	30,236	40.4	30.4	1,10,925	34,070	24,152	31.5	21.8
Backergunge	2,24,161	40,007	30,584	19.1	13.6	2,40,053	33,094	27,840	17.3	11.3
Total	6,86,962	1,90,068	1,37,453	27.8	20.0	7,44,557	1,73,614	1,20,381	23.3	16.1
Chittagong Division.										
Tippera	1,48,925	44,054	33,613	29.6	29.0	1,42,560	46,040	34,987	31.8	24.6
Nonkhali	1,10,408	20,413	23,018	26.9	20.8	1,06,800	20,143	21,544	20.8	19.3
Chittagong	1,34,420	31,667	2,721	23.4	16.2	1,32,137	32,476	22,910	24.6	17.3
Total	3,93,832	1,05,464	78,353	26.7	19.8	3,81,507	1,00,659	79,441	27.8	20.7
Patna Division.										
Patna	1,95,234	28,159	23,717	14.6	12.1	2,03,623	29,421	24,065	14.4	12.3
Gaya	2,26,171	29,782	24,940	13.2	11.0	2,26,927	31,444	26,742	10.9	9.3
Shahabad	1,98,577	24,714	19,840	12.4	9.9	2,00,024	24,717	18,169	11.9	8.6
Siwan	2,15,071	20,003	11,606	13.0	10.0	1,92,329	27,644	21,265	14.3	11.0
Champaran	1,17,043	20,225	16,252	17.3	18.6	108,242	16,434	11,626	15.7	11.8
Muzaffarpur	1,50,012	24,532	21,206	9.8	8.3	2,32,749	27,419	23,027	10.8	9.4
Darbhanga	2,31,502	29,240	23,000	12.4	10.9	2,72,523	29,040	20,718	9.5	7.6
Total	14,26,160	1,81,714	1,53,130	12.8	10.6	15,13,023	1,82,119	1,47,391	12.0	9.7
Bhagalpur Division.										
Monghyr	1,92,420	32,070	24,743	17.5	13.6	1,94,719	31,460	24,071	16.1	12.3
Bhagalpur	1,55,580	24,364	19,364	16.6	12.4	1,60,078	26,433	21,640	16.1	13.0
Purnea	1,23,412	26,914	10,484	16.9	12.7	1,73,080	24,374	22,401	16.9	13.0
Malda	67,002	17,813	12,308	31.2	21.7	68,144	18,940	12,709	32.5	22.0
Total	6,48,404	1,00,261	76,897	18.2	13.8	6,96,010	1,00,608	81,396	17.9	13.0
Orissa Division.										
Cuttack	1,05,044	30,071	30,734	36.8	29.0	1,17,802	41,305	39,090	35.1	27.7
Balasore	68,607	27,070	21,780	40.3	31.7	70,946	27,653	21,735	39.7	30.6
Puri	56,442	18,183	11,913	32.3	20.1	56,406	17,031	10,899	31.8	19.3
Total	2,30,093	84,923	64,467	35.7	27.7	2,45,154	86,000	71,724	35.3	26.6
GRAND TOTAL	53,96,560	12,34,042	8,80,403	23.1	16.6	58,51,300	12,02,697	8,55,003	21.3	15.1

The highest place in respect of educational expenditure as a whole is taken by the District Board of Balasore, which spent 38.7 per cent. of its income on this purpose. The District Boards of Patna, Dacca, Faridpur, Tippera,

Malda, Cuttack and Puri, also devoted more than 30 per cent. of their income to education, while all the District Boards in the Patna and Bhagalpur Divisions, with the exception of Malda only, and the District Boards of Jalpaiguri and Backergunge show an expenditure below 20 per cent. In Darbhanga the proportion was only 9·5 per cent. Under primary education, Balasore again heads the list with a ratio of 30·6 per cent. In the 24-Parganas, Pabna, Dacca, Faridpur, Tippera, Malda and Cuttack, the expenditure was 20 per cent. or more, and in five districts, viz., Gaya, Shahabad, Muzaffarpur, Darbhanga and Jalpaiguri, it was below the prescribed minimum of 10 per cent.

21. From the statistics given in subsidiary Table III appended to the Departmental Report on Public Education, it appears that the total number of schools maintained by District Boards during the year was 179, and the total number of pupils 11,023, showing an increase of one school and 329 pupils. The increase in the number of pupils occurred chiefly in middle vernacular schools. The number of schools aided by District Boards declined from 34,391 to 33,267, while the number of pupils in them increased from 913,072 to 925,854. The increase of pupils is most marked in lower primary schools for boys paid by rewards. The number of high schools maintained by District Boards remained the same, viz., three, but the number of pupils in them increased from 980 to 1,064. The number of middle schools increased from 160 to 162, and their pupils from 9,271 to 9,565. The number of upper and lower primary schools maintained by District Boards continued to be six and two respectively: in the former case the number of pupils declined by two, and in the latter it rose from 37 to 45. There were six industrial schools maintained by District Boards with 211 pupils, against seven schools and 266 pupils in 1895-96. The number of girls' schools aided by District Boards and of the pupils in them decreased by 90 and 1,500 respectively, as the following figures will show:—

		1895-96.		1896-97.	
		Schools.	Pupils.	Schools.	Pupils.
Upper Primary	...	60	1,462	71	1,703
Lower	..	2,040	32,761	1,939	31,000
		2,100	34,223	2,010	32,703

22. There has been no change in the educational functions delegated to District Boards. The Director of Public Instruction makes the following remarks on this subject in his annual report:—

“With the accumulated experience of years, and with the Magistrate as Chairman and the Deputy Inspector of Schools as an *ex-officio* member, District Boards are now becoming efficient factors in the control of middle and primary schools. Harmony is year by year more in evidence between these bodies and the officers of the Department, and in the reports for 1896-97 no complaints of friction are recorded. Delay in payments of grants-in-aid is reported from two divisions, but even these complaints are becoming less frequent. In some districts Local Boards are entrusted with the management of primary education, but their administration is not generally attended with success. The experiment of giving these bodies a share in the control of secondary education in some districts was marked by failure. District Boards have still no control over schools in municipal and cantonment areas. The Boards have also no power over what are known as circle schools and those few schools for girls which are in receipt of aid from the grant-in-aid fund, though they may be situated in extra-urban tracts.”

23. *Technical and other Schools.*—There is nothing new to note under this head except that the technical school at Purnea, which had been in existence for about five years, was closed on the 31st March, as it did not prove a success. Of indigenous schools, there were in Midnapore 78 Sanskrit *cols*, with 949 pupils, 15 Koran schools, with 194 pupils, and 2 elementary schools, with 14 pupils. In Hooghly there were 55 *cols*, with 268 pupils, 26 Arabic or Persian

schools, with 340 pupils, and 9 elementary and other schools, with 73 pupils. In the districts of Burdwan, Birbhum and Howrah there were 49, 29 and 23 indigenous schools, with 563, 326, and 228 pupils, respectively. The District Board of Mymensingh subsidized 3 *tols* and the District Board of Faridpur 2 *tols* and 1 madrasa.

24. *Female Medical Education.*—In addition to the scholarships granted by the several District Boards mentioned in last year's Resolution, the District Boards of Malda and Pabna gave scholarships to girls who wished to study medicine in Calcutta. The District Board of Saran discontinued the grant of scholarships for want of candidates. A female scholarship-holder in Champaran having passed her final examination in the Temple Medical School, entered the service of the Board on a salary of Rs. 40 with a house allowance of Rs. 5, and has been attached to the Motihari Municipal Dispensary. Candidates were found during the year for the scholarships offered during the previous year by the District Boards of Burdwan and Tippera.

25. *Medical.*—In paragraph 11 of the Resolution of the Government of India, dated the 20th August 1897, reviewing the administration of District and Local Boards, it is stated that the expenditure under the head "Medical" was lower in Bengal than in any of the larger Provinces, though probably there is no province more in need of hospitals and dispensaries, and that although the total expenditure in Bengal has increased from Rs. 42,546 in 1889-90 to Rs. 1,92,810 in 1895-96, there is still room for much improvement. During the period in question the number of dispensaries maintained by District Boards has risen from 23 to 136, and the number aided by District Boards from 5 to 39; but it is doubtful whether any substantial increase on these figures can be looked for, unless means can be found of adding materially to the resources of the Boards. Their incomes now consist of (1) receipts from road cess, (2) assignments from Government of more or less improvable revenues, and (3) grants from Government for specific purposes. Under head (2) no large expansion of receipts can be looked for, nor is the Government in a position to increase the grants under head (3). The cess receipts tend to increase as revaluations are made of the lands liable to pay the cess; but the increase is slow, and although under the law the District Boards, subject to the direction of the Commissioner, possess ample discretion as to the purposes on which they may spend the District Fund, instructions have been given to them that, as a general rule, an amount approximately equivalent to the proceeds of the road cess should be devoted to the objects which the Legislature had in view when Bengal Act IX of 1880 was passed.

26. The Mankar Charitable Dispensary was transferred during the year to Bud-Bud, in order to afford medical relief to pilgrims and persons travelling in search of work along the Grand Trunk Road during the famine. The dispensary at Purbasthali, referred to in last year's Resolution, was opened by the District Board of Burdwan on 1st August 1896, and a sum of Rs. 508 was expended by that body on account of its maintenance. The dispensaries at Dhuniakhali and Haripal, in the district of Hooghly, were closed from the beginning of March 1897, as they were found to be useless. The temporary dispensary at the Singti outpost in the district of Howrah was also closed during the year. The District Board of the 24-Parganas have offered to contribute Rs. 300 a year to the dispensary at Budge-Budge, which will be opened shortly. The District Board of Gaya increased its subscription to the male ward of the Pilgrim Hospital from Rs. 1,500 to Rs. 2,500 in consequence of the increase in the number of patients from the rural tracts in the district. The District Board of Muzaffarpur also enhanced its contribution to the local charitable dispensary by Rs. 1,000. The District Board of Backergunge took over the management of Nawab Sir K. Ahsunulla Bahadur's Dispensary at Kanakdia. The District Board of Chittagong sent up two boys to the Veterinary Institution at Calcutta, one of whom died after the examination, and the other is still studying. The District Board of Monghyr paid a monthly subsidy of Rs. 15 to Dr. Macphail of the Bandel Medical Mission for attending twice a week the dispensary at Chakai in the south of the district. The

following list shows the dispensaries which were opened during the year by the several District Boards:—

Khulua	District Board	...	Kalaro Dispensary in the Salkhira subdivision.
Rajshahi	"	"	Kalam Dispensary.
Mymensingh	"	"	Pananagore "
			Fulpar "
			Agarpur "
			Niamati "
			Mirzaganj "
Backergunge	"	"	Hamna "
			Banaripara "
			Batajore "
			Thaturia "
Noakhali	"	"	Three dispensaries, names not mentioned.
Muzaffarpur	"	"	Janarh Dispensary.
Saran	"	"	Saddawah "
Monghyr	"	"	Gogri "
			Lakhisarai "
Cuttack	"	"	Jugotsingpur "

The District Board of Birbhum spent Rs. 133; the District Board of Midnapore, Rs. 265, the District Board of Hooghly, Rs. 151, the District Board of Nadia, Rs. 100, the District Board of Bhagalpur, Rs. 820, and the District Board of Cuttack, Rs. 347, in affording medical relief to cholera patients. The District Board of Noakhali is also reported to have incurred large expenditure in giving medical aid to cholera-stricken people in several parts of the district. The construction of a building for the Lady Dufferin Hospital at Suri is in progress, and the District Board of Birbhum have promised a monthly contribution of Rs. 20 in aid of that institution. The Bankura and Hooghly District Boards continued their contributions towards the support of the Branch Lady Dufferin Hospital at Bankura and Chinsura, and the District Board of Dacca its contribution towards the maintenance of the local Dufferin Hospital.

27. *Sanitation.*—The total outlay on sanitation increased from Rs. 99,640 in 1895-96 to Rs. 1,87,060 in 1896-97. The figures in the margin show how these amounts were apportioned among the various sub-heads of expenditure in both years.

	1895-96.	1896-97.
	Rs.	Rs.
Improvement of water-supply of village areas	65,894	1,51,263
Conservancy of towns and villages	8,247	7,816
Sanitation at fairs	698	887
Other sanitary expenditure	8,830	8,295
	16,071	17,794
Total	99,640	1,86,060

These statistics show that a substantial progress has been made in the improvement of the water-supply of rural areas. The largest expenditure under this head was incurred in Mymensingh, where the amounts allotted were more than double those of the previous year. The minimum limit of Rs. 5,000 prescribed by Government was attained in ten districts only, viz., Burdwan, Hooghly, 24-Parganas, Dacca, Mymensingh, Faridpur, Backergunge, Saran, Monghyr and Bhagalpur. The District Board of Cuttack devoted only Rs. 47 to that purpose.

28. Early in the year scarcity of water began to be felt in many districts, and efforts appear to have been made by almost all the District Boards to give relief by sinking temporary wells in the sandy beds of rivers and in low lands, by excavating permanent wells in populous places and on road-sides, and by deepening tanks and clearing and repairing old wells. In many places difficulty was experienced by District Boards in obtaining control of tanks to be reserved for drinking purposes. In the 24-Parganas owners of tanks were invited either to make gifts of their tanks to the District Board, subject to the reservation of rights of fishing, or to take subsidies for re-excavation with the stipulation that the tank should be reserved to the public for drinking purposes and should be kept clean, subject to the owner's right of fishing. The Board's proposals are said to have met with a ready response. The Commissioner of the Burdwan Division states that the scarcity of water had the good result of compelling the owners in some cases to re-excavate their tanks. He mentions that in some districts the Boards found it difficult to obtain control of tanks to be reserved for drinking purposes, and were thus

compelled to dig wells instead of clearing tanks, although tank-water is greatly preferred by the people. Tube-wells were tried in Jahanabad and elsewhere, but a number of them were choked by mischievous persons throwing stones and clods. The same happened in the case of ring-wells, and the Commissioner intimates a doubt whether it is worth while spending money on wells of these kinds, unless some one made himself responsible for their preservation from injury. As the opening of either a tube or ring-well confers a marked benefit on the neighbourhood, there ought to be no difficulty in inducing some persons of influence to agree to look after it. The District Board of Dacca purchased 30 tube-wells, but only a few of them were sunk during the year. In Mymensingh the District Board raised its allotment for water-supply from Rs. 10,000 to Rs. 15,000, and the munificent donation of Rs. 14,000 was made by Rai Jogendra Kishor Rai Chaudhri Bahadur of Ramgopalpur. In Faridpur, owing to the sandy nature of the soil, tanks were found to run dry, and tube-wells proved a failure. A trial is now to be made of wells built with grooved bricks, which can be constructed very cheaply. In the Patna Division 25 new wells were sunk, 790 were repaired or cleansed, and 228 were supplied with chains, buckets and poles. The total expenditure amounted to Rs. 17,647.

29. In connection with the systematic inquiries which are being held under the special orders of this Government into the sufficiency of rural water-supply throughout the Province, District Boards were instructed to prepare two registers, showing whether the existing sources of water-supply in every village containing more than 100 houses were sufficient for the needs of the population, and what ought to be done to extend or improve them. It was also enjoined that both the registers should be examined periodically by the Chairman of the District Board and by Inspecting Officers, with a view to the issue of orders under sections 90, 118 and 119 of the Bengal Local Self-Government Act, and to ascertain whether orders already passed under those sections are duly enforced. Every attempt was made by the District Boards to complete these registers, but owing to the want of full information on the subject, the registers in many districts could not be completed during the year, and consequently no inspection could be made of them by the Inspecting Officers.

30. *Drainage*.—The following statement shows the expenditure incurred by the several District Boards in the improvement of drainage:—

	Rs.		Rs.
Howrah ...	90	Dinajpur ...	947
24 Parganas ...	1,730	Rangpur ...	2,316
Murshidabad ...	745	Noakhali ...	193
Jessore ...	1,509	Gaya ...	1,928
Rajshahi ...	380	Chauddhara ...	1,039
Darbhanga ...			Rs. 371

No expenditure was incurred under this head by the other District Boards.

31. *Scientific and other Minor Departments*.—The District Board of Pabna continued to maintain two bulls at Pabna and at Sirajganj, and the Shahabad District Board an Arab stallion at Buxar for breeding purposes. The sum of Rs. 54 shown against Khulna represents petty charges incurred on the keep of a bull in the Khulna Jail, which has since been returned to the Veterinary Department.

32. *Stationery and Printing*.—The total expenditure under this head has risen from Rs. 50,495 in 1895-96 to Rs. 53,133 in the year under report.

33. *Miscellaneous*.—The expenditure under this head declined from Rs. 71,354 to Rs. 62,607. In some districts this decrease is said to be due partly to the short expenditure under the heads "Serais and Dak Bungalows" and "Miscellaneous and unforeseen charges," and partly to the transfer of certain charges to their proper heads under "Civil Works." In other districts it is attributed to the fact that there had been an unusual expenditure in the preceding year on account of general elections.

34. *Famine Relief*.—The total outlay under this head was Rs. 2,86,990, of which Rs. 13,082 were spent on charitable relief, Rs. 2,49,830 on public works, and Rs. 24,078 on miscellaneous works. By far the largest expenditure was incurred by the District Board of Darbhanga, in which district the expenditure on public works alone amounted to Rs. 1,53,510. The Board opened test relief works at the end of October as soon as distress began to be felt, and continued to contribute towards relief operations up to the end of the year.

35. *Civil Works.*—The statement below compares the expenditure under the head of Civil Works during the past two years :—

Year.	Ferry establishment, contingencies and refunds.	Original Works.	Repairs.	Establishment and contingencies.	Tools and Plant.	Water-supply and water-works.	Drainage works.	Total.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1895-96	Rs. 45,682	Rs. 14,00,288	Rs. 23,11,023	Rs. 6,20,947	Rs. 21,888	Rs. 81,975	Rs. 6,198	Rs. 44,71,980
1896-97	46,548	12,26,650	19,51,779	6,66,073	20,550	98,918	12,743	40,23,167
Difference	+866	-1,63,638	-3,59,243	+40,126	-1,338	+46,943	+7,545	-4,48,723

The decline in expenditure of Rs. 4,48,723 is due to the fact that original works had to be suspended, and repairs restricted in order to meet the requirements of famine relief. The Muzaffarpur District Board spent the largest sum on original works, Rs. 1,33,248, the principal work undertaken and completed by the Board during the year being the pontoon bridge over the Bur-Gundak river at Akra Ghat. Among the other more important works undertaken by the District Boards during the year may be mentioned the construction of a metalled feeder road from the Kissenganj Railway Station to Hansdah at a cost of Rs. 10,834, repair of the provincial road from Jessore to Calcutta at a cost of Rs. 11,901, improvement of the road from Fangi to Kaliganj at a cost of Rs. 10,000, construction of an iron girder bridge over the Ghangher nalla on the Jahanad-Urwal road at a cost of Rs. 27,124, and of a similar bridge over the Pamer river, the improvement of the Dhurabra-Ukhgaon road at a cost of Rs. 11,899, the improvement of the Sonborsu road at a cost of Rs. 10,000, completion of four masonry bridges at Darbhanga at a cost of Rs. 19,957 and of a masonry bridge of five spans on the Darbhanga Sakri road at a cost of Rs. 13,065, and the remodelling of the road from Bhadrak to Chandbali at a cost of Rs. 16,572.

36. Appendix C will show that the mean provincial percentage of cost of Civil Works on total expenditure was 60·3, the maximum (65·8) occurring in the Bhagalpur Division and the minimum (53·6) in the Orissa Division. The percentage of the cost of establishment on total expenditure was 9·1 for the whole province, against 8·6 in 1895-96; but in 13 districts the proportion exceeds 10 per cent., and in Champaran it stands as high as 15·9. For the whole province the salary of the District Engineer represents 38·7 per cent. of the total cost of establishment. This proportion is exceeded by 16 districts, Champaran showing so much as 67·4. The provincial mean ratio of cost of establishment to expenditure on original works and repairs is exceeded by 21 districts, and the provincial mean ratio of the District Engineer's salary to expenditure on original works and repairs by 18 districts.

	1895-96.	1896-97.	
	Rs.	Rs.	
Burdwan Division ...	40,281	36,896	village roads in each Division during the past two years. These figures do not include a sum of Rs. 2,369 spent by the District Board of Gaya during the year in the improvement of the village roads in the Government estates in the district. No figures are entered against the Bhagalpur Division, as in former years the scheduled roads under the
Presidency ditto ...	43,957	31,925	
Rajshahi ditto ...	24,691	19,432	
Dacca ditto ...	63,403	73,473	
Chittagong ditto ...	50,149	41,066	
Patna ditto ...	74,025	38,732	
Bhagalpur ditto ...	42,445	...	
Orissa ditto ...	17,927	22,579	
Total ...	3,61,718		

Local Boards in the Bhagalpur and Monghyr districts were erroneously treated as village roads, and the whole question of classification of the village and district roads in those districts is now under the consideration of the Boards. The expenditure was highest in the Dacca Division, where a total length of 2,235 miles was maintained by the Board at an average cost of Rs. 9·8 per mile on their ordinary income. The decrease in the Patna and Presidency Divisions and the Birbhum district of the Burdwan Division was generally due to the withdrawal of money for famine relief.

38. *Water Communications.*—Besides the improvements detailed in last year's Resolution, an expenditure of Rs. 280 was incurred during the year by the Narainganj Local Board in excavating a village khal and in clearing silt and jungle from some other khals. In Chittagong the boat traffic is reported to have been much facilitated by the opening of a new canal connecting the Karnafuli river with the Murali Khal. The District Board of the 24-Parganas spent Rs. 301 in maintaining a drainage channel along the Diamond Harbour road.

39. *Steam Communications.*—The only change to note under this head is that in Tippera the steamer service between Akhaura and Maniknagar having proved unprofitable was withdrawn, and the boat service was restored on a monthly subsidy of Rs. 50.

40. *Miscellaneous Public Improvements.*—The following amounts were spent by the different Boards under the head of Arboriculture:—

Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.	
Burdwan ...	2,271	Murshidabad ...	173	Pabna ...	1,975	Patna ...	741
Birbhum ...	936	Jessore ...	912	Dacca ...	729	Gaya ...	1,846
Bankura ...	74	Khulna ...	291	Mymensingh ...	3,141	Shahabad ...	2,276
Midnapore ...	166	Rajshahi ...	325	Faridpur ...	70	Saran ...	522
Hooghly ...	1,950	Dinajpur ...	1,238	Backergunge ...	200	Champanan ...	343
Howrah ...	300	Jalpaiguri ...	380	Tippera ...	1,282	Monghyr ...	2,463
24-Parganas ...	537	Rangpur ...	1,573	Noakhali ...	1,359	Bhagalpur ...	2,478
Nadia ...	550	Bogra ...	169	Chittagong ...	1,432	Purnea ...	1,492
Malda ...		Rs. 183		Balasore ...		Rs. 826.	

A further expenditure of Rs. 2,123 was incurred by the District Board of Gaya in constructing ten new walls and Rs. 572 by the District Board of Muzaffarpur in repairing and maintaining two small bunds.

41. *Railway Feeder Roads.*—Proceedings were instituted during the year for the acquisition of the land required for the Debipur feeder roads in the district of Birbhum. Rupees 800 was sanctioned by the District Board of the 24-Parganas for land for a feeder road connecting the new railway station at Halishahar on the Eastern Bengal State Railway with the village of Halishahar. A sum of Rs. 10,834 was spent by the District Board of Nadia out of the loan of Rs. 20,000 obtained by that body from Government for the construction of the metalled feeder road from the Kissenganj railway station to Hansdah. The construction of the feeder roads from Bharamara to Karimpur *via* Taragonia and Allumdauga to Gangni *via* Hat Boalia, which were mentioned in last year's Resolution, was undertaken by the Public Works Department as a famine relief work. In Jalpaiguri the road from Lataguri to Tondubasti, for which Government sanctioned a grant-in-aid of Rs. 11,200, was commenced during the previous year and completed during the year under report. In Dinajpur the feeder roads from Thakurgaon towards Nilphamari and from Thakurgaon towards Domer were improved. The railway feeder road from Fanji to Kaliganj, for which a sum of Rs. 10,000 was sanctioned by Government, was much improved. In Noakhali two feeder roads were constructed during the year, and two such roads in Chittagong were under construction. The construction of the road leading to the Sabour railway station on the East Indian Railway was completed by the District Board of Bhagalpur during the year.

42. *Railways and Tramways.*—The survey of the projected railway from Burdwan to Katwa and from Katwa to Hooghly *via* Kalna was almost completed during the year. The Howrah-Sheakhala and Howrah-Amta Steam Tramways were nearly completed; they have since been opened. Messrs. Martin and Company have obtained an extension of time up to 16th June 1898 for the completion of the steam tramway from Ranaghat to Krishnagar. The earthwork on the feeder line of railway from Segowlie to Ruxaul has been nearly completed.

43. *Amendment of the Bengal Local Self-Government Act.*—The opinions called for from Commissioners of Divisions and Associations and other public bodies on the provisions of the Bill to amend the Bengal Local Self-Government Act, which was introduced into Council towards the close of the year 1895-96, have been received, and are now under the consideration of this Government.]

44. *General Remarks.*—The Officiating Lieutenant-Governor will conclude this review by reproducing the observations recorded by the several Commissioners of Divisions in their reports on the working of District and Local Boards during the year:—

Mr. G. Stevenson, Officiating Commissioner of the Burdwan Division, writes:—

"I myself have nothing to add to my remarks on this subject made in paragraph 81 of last year's report. Further experience of the Division has but confirmed me in the views there expressed. District Boards may be useful at least as consultative bodies, but Local Boards are superfluous entirely, especially at the head-quarters of the district, so far as practical utility is concerned. As seems to me, the only point that can at present with any force be urged in their favour, is that they may perhaps in time be a means of educating the people in Local Self-Government."

Mr. E. V. Westmacott, Commissioner of the Presidency Division, states:—

"As regards my opinion on the working of the Boards and Union Committees, it has been recorded in paragraphs 95, 96 and 97 of my report in last year, and the experience of another year has shown me no reason to modify it."

Mr. P. Nolan, Commissioner of the Rajshahi Division, observes:—

"In my opinion the District Boards have worked very well during the year. As indicated by Mr. Senke, it is a defect that the District Engineers are not liable to transfer; a healthy current is necessary in this part of the country to prevent stagnation. It is moreover, difficult to provide for their going on leave. The only one who took furlough in the Division in recent years was suspended on his return, being accused by the officer acting of embezzlement: the case is under enquiry."

Mr. L. Hare, Officiating Commissioner of the Dacca Division, remarks:—

"Throughout this Division the District Boards have fulfilled their recognised function as consultative bodies. All the District Officers report that they have found them useful. The Local Boards have also, for the most part, taken interest in their work and in the expenditure of the funds allotted to them."

Mr. F. R. S. Collier, Officiating Commissioner of the Chittagong Division, says:—

"On the whole, I consider the working of the District Boards in the Division to have been satisfactory. The burden of administration of course falls mainly on the Chairman and Vice Chairman. But the criticism and advice, which the local knowledge and experience of the members of the Boards enable them to offer, are often of the most valuable kind, and prevent much waste of public money."

Mr. J. A. Boardillon, Officiating Commissioner of the Patna Division, records the following observations:—

"The remarks of all the Chairmen of District Boards are judicious, and, though the notes are different, they are in harmony. The District Boards have been most useful in counsel. For action the year has afforded less scope than usual, since all the savings that could be effected were made over to Government for expenditure in the relief operations. Hence in several districts ordinary road repairs are much in arrears, but, on the other hand, many of the old district roads have been improved, and some new ones made by famine labour, and in the long run the Boards will be no losers."

Mr. W. B. Oldham, C.I.E., Commissioner of the Bhagalpur Division, makes the following remarks:—

"In my Annual General Administration Report for the Division for the last year, I remarked:—

"All these District Boards have been praised for some years past, but last year each one of them appears in a very favourable light. They concentrated all their resources for the relief of distress, and gave up every other object in this view. In the same way they have co-operated as strongly as possible with the other local authorities, and with abundant room for friction in some details, there has been absolutely none of it. They have shown themselves most keenly alive to their responsibilities as answerable in a very large degree for the welfare of the districts which they represent. The Local Boards, too, it appears, have given all assistance in their power."

"But on the Local Boards remarks must still be negative. It may be hoped that many of them will be superseded by the Union Committees with more definite scope and opportunities for useful work."

Mr. H. G. Cooke, Commissioner of the Orissa Division, comments as follows:—

"With the exception of Puri, where the attendance of the Board's members left something to be desired, I have no reason to suppose that the members fail to attend to their duties. The Local Boards, too, are fairly punctual in holding meetings. The weakest part of the machinery is to be found undoubtedly in the committees of the Boards. A consultative

body that meets once a month for the despatch of business, represents in itself some sacrifice of promptness in the disposal of work, which, it is hoped, is counterbalanced by the knowledge and experience that the members place at the disposal of the President; but, when such consultative body delegates important duties to committees, who meet irregularly or not at all, and who neglect urgent business for months together, the mischief to the despatch of business is enormously increased with no corresponding advantage. The Boards do not appear to exercise any pressure on these committees to compel them to discharge their duties with punctuality. So far as my experience goes, the only remedy lies in the selection of the members of these committees and arranging for a quorum of officials and such non-officials as may be relied on to attend being always available in the station, if not in the Government offices."

45. The Officiating Lieutenant-Governor concurs generally in the following opinion expressed by Sir Charles Elliott on the working of District and Local Boards:—

"During the last five years Sir Charles Elliott has watched with interest the working of District and Local Boards, and has formed a distinct opinion as to their respective merits as departments of the public service. In District Boards the Government possesses a valuable agency for assisting the executive of the districts with information as to local wants and conditions, and advice in the manifold details of internal executive administration. The strength of these Boards resides in the fact that they represent more or less adequately the chief interests of the district, and that the questions which come before them are important enough to arouse their interest, while at the same time they are relieved by the executive of the duty of controlling and supervising details. The chief defect of the District Boards consists in the large area of their jurisdiction and in the difficulty of appointing a body of men who will effectually represent all parts of the district and all interests in it. The division of functions between the Boards and their Chairmen is one well adapted to the work that has to be done. The representative body supplies the information and experience on which to base the decision as to what should be done; the officer who wields the executive power in the district gives effect to those decisions. With Local Boards it is different. It has hitherto been found impossible to extend their functions so as to give them work of sufficient importance to enlist their interest keenly. Nor, at any rate in most cases, have they at their head an officer of experience in business with a sufficient staff at his disposal. Thus their energies flag, and the work that is given them to do is too often indifferently looked after. The policy by which these defects can be cured seems to be one involving larger decentralisation, the devolution of some of the work now retained by the District Boards, the appointment of an official Chairman, and the abolition of the Sadar Local Board, which is an evident superfluity. It is possible also that the extension of Union Committees and the promotion of village sanitation may stimulate the energies of Local Boards and provide for them congenial work in supervising and guiding the action of the Committees; or again the latter being more closely in touch with local interests, may in time absorb the functions of Local Boards and render these bodies superfluous. Either result, however, must be the work of time, and it would be premature to venture on any forecast of what will happen within the next few years.

Since these words were written, the course of events has tended generally to indicate that the further development of Local Self-Government in Bengal is likely to take the form of the extension of Union Committees with some powers of permissive taxation for strictly local purposes; but the recent distress has compelled the Government to lay aside for the present all schemes of this kind. It is impossible at present to say how soon they may be resumed; but when the time comes to reopen the subject, Mr. Stevens apprehends that larger issues will be raised, and that the question of increasing the resources of the District Boards and widening their financial responsibilities will have to be fully considered.

By order of the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal,

H. H. RISLEY,

Secretary to the Govt. of Bengal.

FORM No. I(a).

Statement showing the constitution of the District Boards in Bengal during the year ending 31st March 1897.

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					Ex-officio.	Nominated.	Elected.	Total.	Officials.	Non-officials.	Europeans and Eurasians.	Natives.	Officials.	Non-officials.			Total.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	14(a)	15	16	17		
BURDWAN DIVISION.																			
1	Burdwan ...	Act III (B.C.) of 1885.	2,069	1,322,108	3	7	9	19	5	14	3	16	15	.....	14	12	13	
2	Birbhum ...	Ditto	1,751	754,773	4	3	6	13	0	7	4	9	13	.....	14	12	13	
3	Bankura ...	Ditto	2,611	1,019,373	4	4	7	15	5	10	3	12	14	.....	14	12	13	
4	Midnapore ...	Ditto	5,114	2,541,621	5	9	11	25	10	15	6	19	16	.....	14	12	13	
5	Hoochly ...	Ditto	1,159	916,523	8	6	13	27	8	19	3	24	16	.....	14	12	13	
6	Howrah ...	Ditto	499	685,319	3	3	5	11	3	8	2	9	14	.....	14	12	13	
	Total	.....	13,803	7,178,597	27	32	51	110	37	73	21	89	88	3	25	21	10	
PRESIDENCY DIVISION.																			
7	24-Parganas ...	Act III (B.C.) of 1885.	1,983	16,87,566	6	7	12	25	0	19	2	23	16	.....	42	18	18	
8	Nadia ...	Ditto	2,794	16,44,108	6	5	10	21	7	14	7	14	17	.....	42	18	18	
9	Murshidabad ...	Ditto	2,438	12,56,946	6	5	10	21	6	15	6	15	19	.....	42	18	18	
10	Jessore ...	Ditto	2,925	18,88,827	7	6	12	25	8	17	4	21	18	.....	42	18	18	
11	Khulna ...	Ditto	2,977	11,77,652	4	5	8	17	4	13	3	11	17	.....	42	18	18	
	Total	.....	11,877	74,99,098	29	28	52	100	31	78	22	87	78	.....	42	18	18
RAJSHAHI DIVISION.																			
12	Rajshahi ...	Bengal Local Self Gov. Act III of 1885.	2,322	1,282,744	4	7	10	21	7	14	4	17	13	.....	42	18	18	
13	Dinajpur ...	Ditto	4,113	1,543,631	4	15	5	22	7	15	3	19	21	.....	42	18	18	
14	Jalpaiguri ...	Ditto	2,840	671,954	6	11	...	17	10	7	7	14	14	.....	42	18	18	
15	Rangpur ...	Ditto	5,178	2,051,218	3	8	10	21	5	16	2	19	14	.....	42	18	18	
16	Bogra ...	Act III of 1885.	1,444	806,924	4	12	...	16	5	11	1	15	18	.....	42	18	18	
17	Pabna ...	Ditto	1,825	1,321,470	4	4	8	16	4	12	2	14	12	.....	42	18	18	
	Total	.....	16,005	7,677,071	25	55	33	113	38	75	19	91	92	14	33	21	10	
DACCA DIVISION.																			
18	Dacca ...	Act III (B.C.) of 1885.	2,769	2,295,606	6	9	14	29	8	21	4	25	12	.....	42	18	18	
19	Mymensingh ...	Ditto	6,274	3,378,305	4	9	12	25	4	21	2	23	24	.....	42	18	18	
20	Faridpur ...	Ditto	2,264	1,798,712	5	8	12	25	9	16	1	24	13	.....	42	18	18	
21	Backergunge ...	Ditto	2,632	2,117,312	6	7	12	25	12	13	1	25	17	.....	42	18	18	
	Total	.....	14,000	8,589,985	21	33	50	104	33	71	8	96	66	8	39	21	10	
CHITTAGONG DIVISION.																			
22	Tippera ...	Act III (B.C.) of 1885.	2,401	1,782,935	5	5	9	19	0	13	7	12	18	.....	42	18	18	
23	Nonkhali ...	Ditto	1,045	1,066,693	6	7	...	13	6	7	...	13	19	.....	42	18	18	
24	Chittagong ...	Ditto	2,505	1,230,167	8	11	...	19	8	11	...	13	11	.....	42	18	18	
	Total	.....	6,941	4,082,795	19	23	9	51	20	31	15	38	48	3	45	70	11	
PATNA DIVISION.																			
25	Patna ...	Act III (B.C.) of 1885.	2,945	1,494,070	5	8	12	25	11	14	3	20	13	.....	42	18	18	
26	Gaya ...	Ditto	4,009	2,936,565	5	6	10	21	0	16	8	15	24	.....	42	18	18	
27	Shahabad ...	Ditto	4,003	1,957,138	5	6	12	25	8	17	4	21	13	.....	42	18	18	
28	Arrah ...	Ditto	2,610	2,378,943	5	8	15	31	11	20	18	13	29	.....	42	18	18	
29	Champanan ...	Ditto	3,515	1,823,577	5	12	...	17	5	12	11	6	13	.....	42	18	18	
30	Muzaffarpur ...	Ditto	2,932	2,026,295	5	8	6	19	7	12	7	18	18	.....	42	18	18	
31	Darbhanga ...	Ditto	5,391	2,706,116	4	9	12	25	6	19	13	12	14	.....	42	18	18	
	Total	.....	23,585	14,993,514	37	59	67	163	54	109	60	94	115	13	43	86	10	
BHAGALPUR DIVISION.																			
32	Monghyr ...	Act III (B.C.) of 1885.	3,922	1,961,596	3	10	13	26	5	20	8	17	13	.....	42	18	18	
33	Bhagalpur ...	Ditto	4,218	1,858,445	4	12	15	31	4	27	7	24	15	.....	42	18	18	
34	Purnea ...	Ditto	4,870	1,921,037	3	10	12	25	0	19	12	13	16	.....	42	18	18	
35	Malda ...	Ditto	1,898	706,923	3	10	...	13	4	9	3	11	15	.....	42	18	18	
	Total	.....	14,908	6,628,541	13	42	39	94	19	75	29	65	59	5	33	84	11	
ORISSA DIVISION.																			
36	Cuttack ...	Act III (B.C.) of 1885.	3,618	1,860,846	6	5	10	21	9	12	5	16	12	.....	42	18	18	
37	Balasore ...	Ditto	2,000	973,880	2	6	8	16	6	10	4	12	13	.....	42	18	18	
38	Puri ...	Ditto	2,476	916,204	3	4	6	13	5	8	1	12	16	.....	42	18	18	
	Total	.....	8,104	3,750,930	11	15	24	50	20	30	10	40	41	8	28	43	7	
	GRAND TOTAL	100,972	6,140,051	182	287	325	794	232	549	191	603	587	54	36	73	10		

FORM No. I(b).

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					Ex-officio.	Nominated.	Elected.	Total.	Officials.	Non-officials.	Europeans and Eurasians.	Natives.	Officials.			Non-officials.	Total.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	14(a)	15	16	17	
BURDWAN DIVISION.																		
<i>Burdwan.</i>																		
1	Sadar	Act III (B.C.) of 1885.	1,290	585,391	2	3	10	15	2	13	...	15	13	.....	0.1	6.5	6.6
2	Katwa	Ditto	347	218,384	...	7	3	10	1	9	...	10	4	.....	1.0	4.2	5.2
3	Kalna	Ditto	428	221,832	...	7	...	9	...	9	...	9	8	1	.....	4.8	5.2
4	Raniganj	Ditto	664	296,501	...	7	3	10	1	9	4	6	5	1	7	3.7	4.5	
	Total ... ..	.....	2,669	1,322,108	2	24	18	44	4	40	4	40	30	2	4	4.8	5.8
<i>Birbhum.</i>																		
5	Suri	Act III (B.C.) of 1885.	1,106	426,748	...	5	6	11	2	9	1	10	14	4	2	2.43	2.71	
6	Rampur Hat	Ditto	615	328,025	...	9	1	10	1	9	1	9	20	7	4	3.75	4.15	
	Total ... ..	.....	1,751	754,773	...	14	7	21	3	18	2	19	34	11	3	3.09	3.43
<i>Bankura.</i>																		
7	Sadar	Act III (B.C.) of 1885.	1,917	673,614	...	4	8	12	1	11	...	12	14	2	6	3.9	4.3	
8	Vishnupur	Ditto	694	345,659	...	3	6	9	...	9	...	9	7	3	.....	2.7	2.7
	Total ... ..	.....	2,611	1,019,273	...	7	14	21	1	20	...	21	21	4	3	3.3	3.6
<i>Midnapore.</i>																		
9	Sadar	Act III (B.C.) of 1885.	3,267	1,300,984	...	11	13	24	6	18	2	22	9	2	2.6	8.3	10.9	
10	Contai	Ditto	949	545,408	3	6	12	21	3	18	1	20	12	1	1.3	7.4	8.7	
11	Tamluk	Ditto	650	328,346	...	9	9	18	1	17	...	18	13	4	2	4.8	5.0	
12	Ghatal	Ditto	348	276,883	...	11	7	18	2	16	1	17	18	6	4	3.7	4.1	
	Total ... ..	.....	5,114	2,541,621	3	37	41	81	12	69	4	77	47	13	1.1	6.0	7.1
<i>Hooghly.</i>																		
13	Sadar	Act III (B.C.) of 1885.	429	200,773	...	5	10	15	1	14	...	15	13	1	2	7.1	7.3	
14	Serampore	Ditto	320	324,368	1	9	6	10	1	15	1	15	12	1	1	8.5	8.8	
15	Jalambad	Ditto	401	316,367	1	3	6	10	3	7	...	10	15	.....	1.0	4.0	5.0
	Total ... ..	.....	1,150	841,508	2	17	22	41	5	36	1	40	40	2	4	6.5	6.9
<i>Howrah.</i>																		
16	Sadar	Act III (B.C.) of 1885.	162	232,990	...	3	6	9	2	7	...	9	12	1	1.3	3.7	5.0	
17	Ulubaria	Ditto	337	397,329	...	6	10	16	2	14	...	16	15	.....	1.2	6.8	8.0
	Total ... ..	.....	499	630,319	...	9	16	25	4	21	...	25	27	1	1.2	5.2	6.4
	GRAND TOTAL ... ..	.....	13,863	7,178,597	7	108	118	233	20	204	11	222	199	33	0	4.8	5.4
PRESIDENCY DIVISION.																		
<i>24 Parganas.</i>																		
18	Alipore	Act III (B.C.) of 1885.	502	531,502	...	7	8	15	2	13	...	15	14	1	9	5.8	6.7	
19	Diamond Harbour	Ditto	417	402,683	...	4	6	12	...	12	...	12	14	1	.....	3.8	5.5
20	Barasat	Ditto	435	283,531	...	5	10	15	...	15	...	15	13	3	.....	8.4	8.4
21	Basirhat	Ditto	320	314,349	...	3	6	9	...	9	...	9	14	.....	.....	3.4	3.4
	Total ... ..	.....	1,674	1,537,565	...	19	32	51	2	49	...	51	55	4	2	5.5	6.0
<i>Nadia.</i>																		
22	Krishnagar	Act III (B.C.) of 1885.	778	365,153	...	4	8	12	1	11	...	12	11	3	3.6	4.65	4.81	
23	Ranaghat	Ditto	427	230,036	1	3	6	10	1	9	...	10	8	1	3.2	4.00	5.61	
24	Kushtia	Ditto	597	462,027	...	4	5	9	...	9	...	9	7	1	.....	6.83	6.83
25	Meherpur	Ditto	602	545,902	...	4	8	12	...	12	3	9	10	3	.....	4.70	4.70
	Total ... ..	.....	2,704	1,644,108	1	15	27	43	2	41	3	40	31	6	3	5.1	5.4
<i>Murshidabad.</i>																		
26	Berhampore	Act III (B.C.) of 1885.	974	454,919	...	11	10	31	1	20	3	18	10	3	0	8.4	9.3	
27	Kandi	Ditto	530	449,424	...	5	9	14	1	13	...	14	7	...	1.0	3.7	6.7	
28	Jangipur	Ditto	594	346,003	...	5	8	13	...	13	1	12	10	4	4.36	4.86	
	Total	2,098	1,250,346	...	21	27	46	2	46	4	44	36	6	6	6.1	6.7	

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					Ex-officio.	Nominated.	Elected.	Total.	Officials.	Non-officials.	Europeans and Eurasians.	Natives.			Officials.	Non-officials.	Total.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	14(a)	15	16	17
PRESIDENCY DIVISION—concl'd.																	
Jessore.																	
29	Jessore ...	Act III (B.C.) of 1885.	680	504,835	...	6	12	18	1	17	1	17	17	7	7	47	54
30	Bangan ...	Ditto	640	311,973	...	6	10	16	2	14	...	14	10	...	16	55	71
31	Jhenidah ...	Ditto	475	330,291	...	5	4	9	2	7	...	7	12	...	15	38	43
32	Narail ...	Ditto	487	303,281	...	4	5	9	...	9	...	9	12	...	...	508	508
33	Magura ...	Ditto	425	348,537	...	3	6	9	...	9	...	9	12	...	...	53	53
	Total ...	...	2,925	1,884,821	...	24	37	61	5	56	2	69	63	11	6	48	54
Khulna.																	
34	Khulna ...	Act III (B.C.) of 1885.	606	370,251	1	8	3	12	1	11	1	11	9	1	10	54	60
35	Bagichat ...	Ditto	670	340,559	1	8	3	12	1	11	...	11	9	...	10	72	82
36	Satkhira ...	Ditto	702	457,842	1	8	6	15	1	14	...	15	8	...	10	54	64
	Total ...	...	2,077	1,177,652	3	24	12	39	3	36	1	38	23	2	8	60	68
	GRAND TOTAL ...	...	11,877	7,409,908	4	103	135	242	14	228	10	232	268	31	55	57	61
RAJSHAHI DIVISION.																	
Rajshahi.																	
37	Baalia ...	...	904	539,171	...	5	10	15	2	13	1	14	11	4	86	393	48
38	Nator ...	...	815	434,329	1	4	8	12	2	11	...	13	12	2	107	488	48
39	Saugon ...	...	603	298,247	1	7	2	10	3	7	...	10	6	3	15	45	60
Dinajpur.																	
40	Thakurgaon ...	Bengal Local Self-Gov. Act, III (B.C.) of 1885.	867	393,490	1	8	...	9	3	6	...	9	4	1	30	275	575
Rangpur.																	
41	Rangpur ...	...	1,123	632,172	...	12	...	12	...	12	...	12	5	...	...	46	46
42	Gubandha ...	...	760	433,691	...	7	...	7	...	7	...	7	12	...	10	20	30
43	Kurigram ...	...	987	507,711	1	6	...	6	...	6	...	6	10	...	10	23	33
44	Nilphamari ...	...	648	447,764	1	6	...	6	...	6	...	6	10	...	10	30	33
Pabna.																	
45	Pabna ...	...	875	582,833	1	3	8	12	1	11	...	12	6	1	25	50	53
46	Sirajganj ...	...	945	738,637	...	4	8	12	1	11	...	12	6	1	25	50	54
	Total ...	...	8,400	5,048,968	6	62	36	104	16	88	2	102	86	21	9	37	47
Dacca DIVISION.																	
Dacca.																	
47	Sadar ...	Act III (B.C.) of 1885.	1,257	708,615	...	4	8	12	...	12	...	12	7	1	...	56	63
48	Narayanganj ...	Ditto	637	550,801	...	3	6	9	...	9	...	9	9	1	...	50	59
49	Munshiganj ...	Ditto	386	581,951	...	5	10	15	1	14	...	15	6	...	7	20	20
50	Manikganj ...	Ditto	489	449,030	...	3	6	9	...	9	...	9	6	...	...	61	61
	Total ...	...	2,769	2,295,506	...	15	30	45	1	44	...	45	27	2	102	64	63
Mymensingh.																	
51	Sadar ...	Act III (B.C.) of 1885.	1,845	830,542	...	6	10	15	1	14	...	15	12	1	2	59	61
52	Tangail ...	Ditto	1,048	841,502	...	4	8	12	1	11	...	12	10	7	3	40	43
53	Kishanganj ...	Ditto	975	619,994	...	6	10	16	1	15	...	16	12	1	3	58	62
54	Jamalganj ...	Ditto	1,268	653,610	...	3	6	9	...	9	...	9	16	...	...	32	32
55	Netrakona ...	Ditto	1,137	626,747	...	9	4	13	1	12	...	13	10	3	3	60	63
	Total ...	...	6,274	3,378,395	...	37	38	65	4	61	...	65	75	20	2	54	57
Faridpur.																	
56	Sadar ...	Act III (B.C.) of 1885.	854	655,303	...	6	6	12	1	11	...	12	13	1	3	54	56
57	Gaulando ...	Ditto	428	351,020	1	3	6	9	...	9	...	9	6	...	...	53	53
58	Madaripur ...	Ditto	982	791,729	...	7	5	13	...	13	...	13	18	4	106	60	66
	Total ...	...	2,264	1,798,052	1	16	17	34	2	32	...	34	37	5	1	56	56
Bachergunge.																	
59	Sadar ...	Act III (B.C.) of 1885.	1,101	809,035	...	6	12	18	...	18	1	17	13	1	...	101	101
60	Pirojpur ...	Ditto	680	507,557	...	5	10	15	4	11	...	15	15	2	4	54	58
61	Patuakhali ...	Ditto	1,237	491,550	...	10	...	10	5	5	...	10	14	3	24	37	53
62	Bhola ...	Ditto	815	288,450	...	10	...	10	6	4	...	9	9	...	28	26	54
	Total	3,833	2,117,312	...	31	22	53	15	39	2	51	61	5	14	53	68
	GRAND TOTAL	14,939	9,569,995	1	80	107	187	23	175	2	195	199	32	4	56	61

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					Ex-officio.	Nominated.	Elected.	Total.	Officials.	Non-officials.	Europeans and Eurasians.	Natives.	Officials.	Non-officials.			Total.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	14(a)	15	16	17		
CHITTAGONG DIVISION.																			
Tippera.																			
63	Comilla ...	Act III (B.C.) of 1885.	1,142	821,283	...	12	...	12	3	9	1	11	13	...	20	40	60		
64	Brahmanbaria ...	Ditto	709	590,097	...	9	...	9	2	7	...	9	7	...	10	42	52		
65	Chandpur ...	Ditto	540	371,553	1	6	...	7	12	5	...	7	13	...	17	30	47		
	Total ...	.....	2,491	1,782,933	1	27	...	28	7	21	1	27	33	...	48	112	160	
Noakhali.																			
66	Sadar (Noakhali) ...	Act III (B.C.) of 1885.	1,298	719,163	...	11	...	11	...	11	...	11	9	...	...	66	67
67	Fenny ...	Ditto	347	230,530	...	9	...	9	1	8	...	9	8	...	8	61	69		
	Total ...	.....	1,645	1,009,693	...	20	...	20	1	19	...	20	17	...	14	67	67	
	GRAND TOTAL ...	.....	4,136	2,792,628	1	47	...	48	8	40	1	47	50	...	122	477	600	
PATNA DIVISION.																			
Patna.																			
68	Patna ...	Act III (B.C.) of 1885.	716	512,436	...	5	10	15	...	15	...	15	11	4	...	34	34		
69	Dinapore ...	Ditto	20	27,692	...	5	1	6	...	6	...	6	4	...	2	2	2		
70	Barh ...	Ditto	524	395,803	...	6	3	9	1	8	1	8	7	...	28	57	85		
71	Bihar ...	Ditto	785	500,949	...	4	8	12	1	11	...	12	4	...	...	77	77
	Total ...	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Gaya.																			
72	Gaya ...	Act III (B.C.) of 1885.	1,897	740,527	2	7	...	9	5	7	...	9	10	1	0	82	82		
73	Nawada ...	Ditto	95	439,503	1	6	...	7	2	5	...	7	14	2	10	26	36		
74	Jalalabad ...	Ditto	600	398,817	...	7	...	7	5	2	...	7	13	2	14	38	52		
75	Aurangabad ...	Ditto	1,241	492,050	...	7	...	7	5	2	...	7	11	5	10	29	34		
	Total ...	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Shahabad.																			
76	Arrah ...	Act III (B.C.) of 1885.	984	687,550	1	19	...	20	1	19	3	17	18	7	1	51	52		
77	Ruzar ...	Ditto	624	424,259	2	13	...	15	3	12	2	13	15	4	13	30	43		
78	Rhabua ...	Ditto	1,027	381,686	...	9	...	9	1	8	...	9	8	2	1	30	31		
79	Sasaram ...	Ditto	1,754	510,843	...	2	...	21	1	20	1	20	8	1	3	22	23		
	Total ...	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Saran.																			
80	Chhapra ...	Act III (B.C.) of 1885.	990	961,284	2	14	...	16	2	14	9	7	11	1	8	68	69		
81	Siwan ...	Ditto	849	783,029	...	9	...	9	3	6	6	3	5	2	15	28	43		
82	Gopalganj ...	Ditto	771	614,637	1	6	...	7	2	5	2	5	7	...	18	27	45		
	Total ...	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Muzaffarpur.																			
83	Hajipur ...	Act III (B.C.) of 1885.	76	680,091	1	8	...	9	3	6	6	3	8	3	24	12	36		
84	Sitamarhi ...	Ditto	1,009	916,428	2	7	...	9	2	7	5	4	4	...	15	3	18		
	Total ...	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Darbhanga.																			
85	Darbhanga ...	Act III (B.C.) of 1885.	1,221	964,347	...	10	...	10	...	10	4	6	8	1	...	41	41		
86	Madhubani ...	Ditto	1,347	997,146	1	10	...	11	2	9	6	5	8	...	13	58	71		
87	Samastipur ...	Ditto	763	739,024	...	9	...	9	1	8	6	3	10	3	16	36	52		
	Total ...	.....	18,857	12,146,259	13	182	22	217	30	186	55	162	179	38	150	410	560	
	GRAND TOTAL ...	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
BHAGALPUR DIVISION.																			
Monghyr.																			
88	Sadar ...	Act III (B.C.) of 1885.	1,560	789,741	...	12	...	12	...	12	2	10	9	2	...	54	54		
89	Begusarai ...	Ditto	709	618,107	...	13	...	13	1	12	6	7	12	1	9	38	39		
90	Jamui ...	Ditto	1,698	544,598	...	13	...	13	1	12	1	12	12	8	28	42	50		
	Total ...	.....	3,967	1,952,446	...	38	...	38	2	36	9	29	33	6	90	134	174	
Bhagalpur.																			
91	Sadar ...	Act III (B.C.) of 1885.	926	478,028	...	13	...	13	...	13	1	12	13	1	...	54	54		
92	Banka ...	Ditto	1,186	423,360	...	13	...	13	2	11	1	12	12	...	14	37	51		
93	Madhupura ...	Ditto	1,172	576,606	...	13	...	13	2	11	2	11	13	2	14	43	55		
94	Supaul ...	Ditto	985	481,502	...	16	...	15	2	13	1	14	20	8	14	34	48		
	Total ...	.....	4,218	1,958,443	...	54	...	54	6	48	5	40	58	11	170	477	625	
Purnea.																			
95	Sadar ...	Act III (B.C.) of 1885.	2,592	846,030	...	12	...	12	1	11	5	7	14	...	7	58	65		
96	Kishanganj ...	Ditto	1,304	642,573	...	13	...	13	1	12	1	12	16	4	10	43	53		
97	Araria ...	Ditto	1,044	432,426	...	13	...	13	2	11	1	12	13	1	11	58	69		
	Total	4,940	1,921,029	...	38	...	38	4	34	7	31	43	5	78	159	202		
	GRAND TOTAL	13,010	5,631,618	...	130	...	180	12	118	31	100	134	22	488	890	1,278		

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					Ex-officio.	Nominated.	Elected.	Total.	Officials.	Non-officials.	Europeans and Eurasians.	Natives.	Officials.			Non-officials.	Total.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	14(a)	15	16	17	
ORISSA DIVISION.																		
99	Cuttack	Act III (B.C.) of 1885.	1,519	934,805	3	12	...	15	5	10	2	13	15	1	1'5	5'0	6'5	
100	Kondrapara	Ditto	1,000	412,123	2	11	...	13	4	9	1	12	16	...	2'5	5'0	7'5	
101	Jajpur	Ditto	1,069	513,918	1	12	...	13	4	9	...	13	14	3	2'9	5'0	5'9	
102	Balasore	Ditto	1,152	536,068	2	10	...	12	2	10	...	11	8	...	1'1	5'8	6'0	
103	Bhadrak	Ditto	906	447,782	...	11	...	11	3	8	...	11	6	...	1'2	3'0	4'2	
104	Puri	Ditto	1,530	584,781	1	7	...	8	2	6	...	8	11	...	1'3	2'4	3'7	
105	Khurda	Ditto	940	321,423	2	10	...	12	3	9	...	12	4	...	2'4	3'1	5'5	
Total			8,154	3,750,990	11	73	...	84	23	61	4	80	73	5	1'5	4'3	5'9	
GRAND TOTAL			93,266'8	53,637,953	46	794	418	1,235	155	1,100	106	1,149	1,119	182	2	4'8	5'7	

Statement showing the income of the District Boards.

Serial number of District Boards.	NAME OF DISTRICT BOARDS.	Closing balance of last year.	I.—LAND-REVENUE.					VI.—PROVINCIAL RATES.				XII.—INTEREST.				XIII.—POST OFFICE.		XIV.—POLICE.
			Revenue due to canals.	Sale-proceeds of trees, grass, &c.	Cost of collecting road cess arrears recovered.	Fees, fines, and forfeitures.	Total.	Local rate.	Patwari cess.	Village service fund.	Total.	On securities belonging to Pamine Relief Fund.	On dispensary securities.	On arrears of road cess.	Total.	Male cart receipts.	District Post (Collections).	Total.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	13(a)	14	15	16	17	18
BURDWAN DIVISION.																		
1	Burdwan	Rs. 3,097	...	...	...	...	...	Rs. 1,25,042	...	...	1,25,042	...	...	1,213	1,213	...	...	...
2	Birbhum	34,861	...	...	...	...	...	69,504	...	...	69,504	...	...	208	208	...	...	...
3	Bankura	26,516	...	...	...	...	...	44,531	...	...	44,531	...	...	675	675	...	...	...
4	Midnapore	—1,330	...	...	...	...	...	1,39,566	...	...	1,39,566	...	...	2,486	2,486	...	...	...
5	Hooghly	23,761	...	...	...	...	...	86,072	...	...	86,072	...	...	1,912	1,912	...	...	...
6	Howrah	10,242	...	...	...	...	...	43,384	...	...	43,384	...	...	923	923	...	...	...
	Total	85,074	...	...	...	...	...	5,08,099	...	...	5,08,099	...	...	7,317	7,317	...	...	...
PRESIDENCY DIVISION.																		
1	24 Parganas	43,464	...	...	...	...	...	1,08,065	...	...	1,08,065	...	...	811	811	...	...	...
2	Nadia	20,427	...	...	...	...	...	76,725	...	...	76,725	...	...	105	105	...	...	...
3	Murshidabad	6,636	...	...	...	...	...	69,453	...	...	69,453	...	...	996	996	...	...	...
4	Jessore	35,006	...	...	...	...	...	87,477	...	...	87,477	...	...	21	1,213	1,334	...	...
5	Khulna	32,630	...	...	...	...	...	67,062	...	...	67,062	...	...	233	233	...	...	...
	Total	1,38,753	...	...	...	...	...	4,09,682	...	...	4,09,682	...	...	21	3,357	3,378	...	...
RAJSHAHI DIVISION.																		
1	Rajshahi	48,707	...	...	...	...	...	81,095	...	...	81,095	...	...	354	354	...	...	...
2	Joypur	66,953	...	...	...	...	...	85,239	...	...	85,239	...	...	255	255	...	...	...
3	Jalpaiguri	35,671	...	...	...	...	...	63,976	...	...	63,976	...	...	26	26	...	...	...
4	Ranpur	32,974	...	...	...	...	...	1,21,477	...	...	1,21,477	...	...	254	254	...	...	...
5	Horiga	42,196	...	...	...	...	...	45,084	...	...	45,084	...	...	62	62	...	...	...
6	Palca	20,071	...	...	...	...	...	53,410	...	...	53,410	...	...	382	382	...	...	...
	Total	2,47,143	...	...	...	...	...	4,51,721	...	...	4,51,721	...	...	1,336	1,336	...	...	...
DACCA DIVISION.																		
1	Dacca	54,663	...	...	...	...	...	62,060	...	...	62,060	...	...	245	245	...	...	...
2	Mymensingh	37,524	...	...	...	...	...	1,57,378	...	...	1,57,378	...	...	251	251	...	...	...
3	Faridpur	110	...	...	...	...	...	61,754	...	...	61,754	...	...	146	146	...	...	...
4	Backergunge	70,283	...	...	...	...	...	1,92,234	...	...	1,92,234	...	...	263	263	...	...	...
	Total	1,62,585	...	...	...	...	...	4,73,426	...	...	4,73,426	...	...	52	1,005	1,057	...	...
CHITTAGONG DIVISION.																		
1	Tipperra	93,306	...	...	...	...	...	95,203	...	...	95,203	...	...	767	767	...	...	...
2	Naokhati	58,925	...	...	...	...	...	72,371	...	...	72,371	...	...	140	301	441	...	...
3	Chittagong	74,554	...	...	...	...	...	71,897	...	...	71,897	...	...	47	47	...	...	...
	Total	2,23,785	...	...	...	...	...	2,39,371	...	...	2,39,371	...	...	140	1,115	1,258	...	...
PATNA DIVISION.																		
1	Patna	32,154	...	...	...	...	...	1,59,307	...	...	1,59,307	...	...	2,597	2,597	...	...	...
2	Gaya	63,504	...	...	...	...	...	2,23,096	...	...	2,23,096	...	...	10,383	10,383	...	...	...
3	Shahabad	12,009	...	...	...	...	...	1,67,558	...	...	1,67,558	...	...	1,741	1,741	...	...	...
4	Saran	61,571	...	...	...	...	...	1,47,264	...	...	1,47,264	...	...	5,058	5,058	...	...	...
5	Champaran	4,748	...	...	...	...	...	60,243	...	...	60,243	...	...	1,216	1,216	...	...	...
6	Muzaffarpur	1,09,509	...	...	...	...	...	1,86,374	...	...	1,86,374	...	...	2,829	2,829	...	...	...
7	Darbhanga	1,630	...	...	...	...	...	2,18,513	...	...	2,18,513	...	...	1,645	1,645	...	...	...
	Total	2,84,835	...	...	...	...	...	11,71,966	...	...	11,71,966	...	...	25,473	25,473	...	...	...
BHAGALPUR DIVISION.																		
1	Monghyr	16,554	...	...	...	...	...	1,32,398	...	...	1,32,398	...	...	179	1,096	1,268	...	...
2	Bhagalpur	68,248	...	...	...	...	...	1,22,633	...	...	1,22,633	...	...	166	522	688	...	...
3	Purnea	52,213	...	...	...	...	...	1,05,416	...	...	1,05,416	...	...	913	913	...	...	...
4	Maidsa	45,589	...	...	...	...	...	32,600	...	...	32,600	...	...	39	39	...	...	...
	Total	1,79,974	...	...	...	...	...	3,93,047	...	...	3,93,047	...	...	338	2,570	2,908	...	...
ORISSA DIVISION.																		
1	Cuttack	45,687	...	...	...	...	...	62,635	...	...	62,635	...	...	2,240	2,240	...	...	...
2	Balasore	21,232	...	...	...	...	...	35,818	...	...	35,818	...	...	185	321	506	...	...
3	Puri	15,967	...	...	...	...	...	30,861	...	...	30,861	...	...	406	406	...	...	...
	Total	82,886	...	...	...	...	...	1,29,314	...	...	1,29,314	...	...	185	2,973	3,158	...	...
	GRAND TOTAL	14,05,434	...	...	...	...	...	37,73,615	...	...	37,73,615	...	...	730	43,145	43,861	...	...
	Total for 1896-97	17,32,181	...	...	...	...	...	36,37,156	...	...	36,37,156	...	...	801	574	33,337	35,102	...

XIX.—EDUCATION.

XX.—MEDICAL.

SCHOOL FEES.					MISCELLANEOUS.							INCOME FROM--		MISCELLANEOUS.				
Training and Special Schools.	High Schools.	Middle Schools.	Primary Schools.	Total.	Contributions.	Sale-proceeds of books.	Miscellaneous.	Total.	Total.	Hospital and Dispensary Receipts.	Medicines sold by Civil Surgeons.	Endowments.	Contributions.	Sanitary fees and fines.	Other receipts.	Total.	Total.	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	
Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
...	...	1,859	...	1,859	878	...	1,094	1,094	8,331	...	...	...	125	...	...	...	125
...	...	1,283	...	1,283	...	...	144	144	1,427	...	...	...	...	...	170	170	170
...	...	1,033	...	1,033	83	...	288	288	1,394	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	2,188	...	2,188	512	...	742	742	3,442	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	648	...	648	321	...	272	272	1,241	...	...	...	1,852	...	...	...	1,852
...	...	804	...	804	...	...	135	135	939	...	...	...	240	...	...	...	240
...	...	7,805	...	7,805	1,294	...	2,675	2,675	11,774	...	...	...	2,217	...	170	170	2,387
...	...	528	...	528	60	...	1,889	1,889	2,477	...	...	...	381	...	...	...	381
...	...	974	...	974	79	...	143	143	1,196	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	462	...	462	238	...	266	266	966	25	17	17	802	...	1	1	982	
...	...	357	...	357	116	...	118	118	591	...	...	...	27	...	...	...	27
...	...	2,321	...	2,321	481	...	2,628	2,628	5,432	25	17	17	1,300	...	1	1	1,300	
...	...	221	...	221	...	66	235	301	723	...	...	...	1,670	...	...	...	1,670
...	...	925	...	925	1,132	...	321	321	2,376	273	...	...	...	...	...	...	273
...	...	141	...	141	312	...	33	33	486	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	1,350	...	1,350	1,614	...	262	262	3,857	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	1,482	...	1,482	117	...	77	77	1,076	...	...	...	44	...	...	...	44
...	...	156	...	156	600	...	1,251	1,251	2,107	...	...	...	...	...	21	21	21
...	...	4,178	...	4,178	3,775	66	2,179	2,245	11,024	273	...	...	1,714	...	21	21	2,008
...	...	1,312	126	1,435	1,643	3	139	139	139	...	...	310	279	...	...	...	589
...	...	880	...	880	82	...	116	116	1,084	...	1	27	1,962	...	18	18	2,008	
...	...	1,146	...	1,146	38	...	1,323	1,323	2,607	...	...	...	1,297	...	6	6	1,403
...	...	3,341	126	3,567	1,763	3	2,771	2,774	8,104	...	1	237	8,638	...	24	24	4,000	
...	...	341	...	341	144	...	2	2	942	...	...	...	1,229	...	8	8	1,237
...	...	962	...	962	60	...	611	611	1,613	...	...	...	799	...	3	3	802
...	...	1,224	...	1,224	...	...	344	344	1,618	...	...	...	300	...	64	64	344
...	...	2,627	...	2,627	294	...	1,007	1,007	4,243	...	...	...	2,328	...	55	55	2,383
...	...	934	...	934	...	...	5	5	597	...	...	...	600	...	...	...	600
...	...	528	...	528	64	...	3	3	968	...	...	...	1,706	...	41	41	1,747
...	...	598	...	598	358	...	109	109	1,190	...	5	...	400	...	2	2	407	
...	...	827	...	827	408	...	124	124	1,124	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	602	...	602	...	...	14	14	302	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	288	...	288	...	...	...	...	1,016	...	...	...	1,002	...	...	...	1,002
...	...	417	...	417	1,199	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	4,091	...	4,091	2,373	...	255	255	6,719	...	5	...	3,708	...	43	43	3,756	
...	...	910	...	910	423	...	159	159	1,492	28	...	...	3,536	...	1	1	3,566
...	...	476	...	476	400	...	98	98	1,034	...	...	...	1,091	...	1	1	1,092
...	...	852	...	852	84	...	1,304	1,304	1,746	...	...	...	376	...	...	...	376
...	...	912	...	912	...	...	86	86	998	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	2,650	...	2,650	967	...	1,647	1,647	5,264	28	...	...	5,603	...	2	2	5,633
...	...	431	84	435	12	...	206	206	673	...	...	...	217	...	7	7	224
...	...	113	...	113	...	...	75	75	188	...	...	...	1,090	...	199	199	1,289
...	...	126	...	126	...	...	2	2	188	...	...	...	...	...	27	27	27
...	...	730	84	754	12	...	283	283	1,049	...	...	...	1,397	...	232	232	1,539
1,428	...	27,028	100	29,211	10,971	69	13,445	13,514	53,599	338	23	364	31,515	...	518	518	23,066	
1,327	...	28,397	109	29,733	12,290	146	11,638	11,813	53,836	180	23	136	32,380	...	1,620	1,620	24,490	

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